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**Subject:** Written Comment re: Annexation of 507 Acres from Town of Monroe to Village of Kiryas Joel - By Russ Kassoff 3-10-15  
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Dear Tim Miller and Associates,

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## **PUBLIC SCOPING SESSION**

for the  
ANNEXATION OF 507 ACRES FROM THE TOWN OF MONROE TO THE  
VILLAGE OF KIRYAS JOEL

### **Written Comment Form**

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I'll get right to my points. It is my understanding that the SEQRA MUST address every issue involving the overall effect this annexation would have on the greater community, the town, the county and even the state. It must be in the OVERALL public interest. This is not limited to environmental issues - this includes all of life's issues some of which I comment on below. I was unable to attend the March 3, 2015 Scoping Meeting in KJ so it is difficult for me not to repeat what others may have said. I have seen the limited videos that have been posted. I trust the involved and interested parties will more adequately present their cases than I.

### **1. TOWN & COUNTY BUDGET, TAXES,**

**SPENDING**: In prior years Town of Monroe disclosed the following on the January Property Tax Bills:

\_\_\_% of your county taxes are for state mandated medicaid and social services. In 2014 the number was 78%. In 2015 the Monroe town supervisor elected not to furnish this information to the Town of Monroe taxpayers. All surrounding towns did. In Monroe it has become part of a continuing effort by the administration as well as the county to hide or misinform the general public regarding numbers - medicaid rolls, populations, voting registration, etc. In a documented phone conversation I had with Orange County director of property tax, John McCarey, I learned that the number for the 2015 OC budget has risen to 81% which coincidentally happens to be the known annual growth of the KJ population.

Disclosed and discussed with/to me in said conversation:

The Orange County 2015 budget is \$730 Million Dollars.

81% of this figure is: \$591.3 Million Dollars..

It is hard if not impossible to understand that THIS number (\$591 million) is the amount WE, the OC taxpayers are paying for the mandated NYS medicaid and social services. Mr. McCarey confirmed this with me 3 times during this conversation.

We know from a Front page article in the Times Herald Record dated June 5, 2014 that finally it has been disclosed that 93% of the KJ population receives medicaid not including WIC, WELFARE, SECTION 8 Housing and other government programs that WE - the Orange County Government aka US pay for. To be fair, current information to disclose by municipality is only possible to receive by FOILING since there is great resistance by the county and the town to disclose this information.

The article disclosed the following:

**Medicaid Enrollment**

**Dec. 2013 Medicaid recipients / Population / % Enrolled:**

- Kiryas Joel - 20,293 / 21,894 / 92.7% □ - Newburgh area - 17,764 / 54,447 / 32.6% □ - Middletown area - 17,253 / 48,418 / 35.6%

- Port Jervis area - 4,485 / 14,511 / 30.9% □ - Orange County - 91,557 / 375,592 / 24.4%

If 20,293 KJ population out of 91,557 Orange County recipients are receiving JUST Medicaid that amounts to 22.16% of the entire Orange County budget applied to this category.

**This is a figure that stated is from 2013.**

**To update creating a conservative estimate using simple math:**

**Population of KJ - 2014 approximately 24,000**

**93% known to be receiving medicaid benefits = 22,300**

**Conservative monthly subsidy per person = \$500 x 22,300 = \$11,150,000 per month.**

**12 months paid out to ONLY KJ = \$133,800,000 for the year 2014 and again in 2015!!! All paid from the budget comprised of income from the ORANGE COUNTY TAXPAYERS..**

**We - in the unincorporated town of Monroe are struggling to keep up with raising taxes already and some of us are beyond personal breaking points. If this annexation were to go through the effect of social services would be astronomical. THIS IS HURTING US.**

**THIS IS NOT IN THE OVERALL INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC.**

## **2. POPULATION DENSITY GROWTH and the consequences of the KJ Bloc Vote.**

**It is common knowledge that if this annexation were to go through, in excess of 50,000 new residents would live in the newly built up, high density zoned area as soon as construction was completed. All estimates of KJ population have referred to VERY outdated studies (2009). There's been an obvious explosion in the past 3 years. It is also public knowledge that most of the people who would come to live in Monroe (KJ) are not only from Brooklyn and nearby Hasidic communities, but a majority from Israel with the assistance of both Senator Schumer and Governor Cuomo. Whether or not the Israelis would have green cards already or even by fast tracked to citizenship is of great importance in determining the bloc vote outcome of elections locally and in the county, as well as eligibility to vote and run for the Monroe-Woodbury School Board.**

**It is public record that the current town board was elected solely by the KJ bloc vote. Specifically Supervisor Doles, Councilman McQuade and Councilman Colon in 2013. In 2014 with the assistance of the Alliance's bloc vote, the rest of the community was able to elect Councilman McWatters, a minority voice for the Town of Monroe outside of KJ. Over the years the KJ bloc vote has controlled who the rest of the town has in office to represent them. Until now it was the politics of the elected officials with back room deals involving issues that did not overtly affect all of us, especially our tax liabilities. NOW, every method of preventing the non-KJ portion of the town and its villages has been used to keep us from having**

**ANY representation in government whatsoever and public comment at town board meetings has been limited and cut down to once a month and ONLY to the agenda that supervisor Doles approves unilaterally. Quite dictatorial. The toxic atmosphere of town board meetings - including the condescending, audacious and arrogant behavior of certain members of the town board towards the participating citizens is only exceeded by the lack of consideration and respect afforded to the rest of the community by KJ's leaders.**

**On election day 2013 poll watchers were harassed, votes were counted that should have been contested and the "lawyer" for the town who soon became the county attorney actually harassed and spit in the faces of women who were questioning suspect signatures of voters in KJ. All of these allegations are documented many times over through BOE and Federal complaints. There is no chance that the town can trust this board, and continue to be subject to disgusting hate-baiting from the board on election days in KJ for the self-serving few who would gain from this unwise annexation. The atmosphere is toxic. As a result of the KJ bloc vote we have a town board that is well rehearsed for the cameras as if they took advanced acting classes, that spends OUR tax money frivolously without a constructive dialogue as to how we'd prefer to spend it if at all.**

**As a matter of culture, KJ residents do not even vote for their own Village leaders. (About 300 counted votes in the recent Village mayoral and trustee election) Yet they have a family holiday getting the entire community out to vote for who will control the ENTIRE town with an all encompassing and welcoming community in which they do not participate as per their culture. In the spirit of our political environment those who desperately receive the bloc vote (and give it) take advantage of the apathetic environment in the country. No voter turnout can compete with KJ and the mounting attempt to compete with it is near impossible. The rest of the town doesn't have buses, vans and call out the vote to its community on election day. The rest of the town doesn't entirely meet on the Sabbath to receive bloc vote instructions. The rest of the town is a multi-cultural all accepting group of wonderful people. This may not be a DEC issue but it certainly is a life and life-changing and life altering issue. The interest of the overall community is not served when one special interest group remains insular or isolated and subject to the propaganda it receives from its leaders as well as our town board that only THEY elected.**

**In 2014 the very responsible Monroe-Woodbury budget came in under the 2% cap. As a result NYS issued rebates to all taxpayers for the difference in taxes paid from 2013-2014 even though the increase of 3.5% in the School property taxes was the highest I've ever received since moving here 20 years ago.**

**The KJ elected Town Board did NOT make a procedural motion to not go over the 2% cap and as a result the ENTIRE TOWN including the property tax payers of KJ did not receive the NYS rebate. This is irresponsible and yet another consequence of the blind bloc vote.**

**All public references to the population of KJ refer to a 2009 study. - KJ pays approx 20% of the town tax (according to Comptroller Peter Martin) and has 50% of the population. With skyrocketing religious tax exemptions set up, hard working citizens who DO pay property taxes are already seeing major increases. By taking more and more property off of the town and county tax rolls and making them either wholly or partially tax exempt. WE - the people - the government, have to make up the difference. THIS IS HURTING US.**

**\*\*\* Any candidate who represents and is under the influence/jurisdiction of the district that includes KJ who would run for the GREATER GOOD of all the people, due to the bloc vote, would lose - if they didn't agree to support or provide easy access to the government funds towards an issue that would ONLY BENEFIT KJ.. Thus all of the elected officials even in the county have been chosen by KJ for their own self-interests with the KJ citizens mandated to vote for these people even though they know not for whom they vote!**

**Even if the annexation were to be denied, when the thousands of KJ's young children reach voting age, the rest of the community will be outnumbered and NEVER AGAIN be mathematically able to elect a single representative for the Monroe community and even Orange County.**

**\*\*\*In Monroe - ONLY a conversion to a ward/precinct system would prevent this. If KJ counted as one ward, they could elect or seat one person on the board and be unable to vote in the rest of the town so we could have a fair representation of the population. Of course with all the buying up of land, KJ's interests would create bloc votes in the other wards in due time. Why would KJ's leaders allow this? As a result of the bloc vote every single politician in the state that has been elected by it would never change the rules against them for fear of losing their seats!!**

**HOW IN THE WORLD CAN ANY RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION (NYS Bonds) APPROVE THE FUNDING FOR A PIPELINE BASED ON RESIDENTS WHO DO NOT YET EXIST IN THE PROPOSED HIGH DENSITY AREAS AS IF THE ANNEXATION IS A DONE DEAL??? DESPITE THE OUTSIDE COMMUNITY'S OBJECTION TO APPROVING THIS ANNEXATION FOR ALL THE SANE AND LOGICAL REASONS.**

**THIS IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE OVERALL COMMUNITY!!**

### **3. THE CONSEQUENCES OF ELECTING THE TOWN BOARD BY BLOC VOTE:**

The Town board is elected to protect its citizens, taxpayers, listen to its taxpayers and honor and preserve the sovereignty of the borders of the town over generations of families. In the past 40 years people relocated up here to get out of the city and live in the serene rural residential lifestyle that we have all come to enjoy. MY property value and properties all around me have decreased by 25% in the past TWO years alone. Even though the town has not reassessed my home, my homeowner's insurance has. We should all contest our assessments. My insurance company sent an adjustor and agreed that the value of my home had decreased by 25% in relation to what it would take to insure the property. My premium was greatly reduced for the same coverage - with the house assessed at a much lower level. Every other house around me is up for sale and has not moved at all - because property values have suffered. No one is coming to look at houses, the word is out. Our large community is being greatly harmed by all of this.

**ON FEB 3 2014 A Special Town Board Meeting was called for the express purpose of voting on the revised proposal for the ALL MINE annexation. To paraphrase.**

**< \*\*\*\*2-3-14 TofM ALL MINE resolution DENYING annexation petition.pdf>**

**This set a town policy if not a legal one - reasonableness - it was a small annexation and UNANIMOUSLY was voted to NOT be for the greater good of the town. Logic prevailed here. Even though this was a MUCH smaller sized development (45 acres comprising a 21 lot subdivision), all the reasons to vote it down are multiplied by THOUSANDS in what will be the decision for whether or not to approve this 507 acre annexation.**

**THIS IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE OVERALL COMMUNITY!!!**

### **4. ANY ELIGIBLE RESIDENT HAS THE RIGHT TO PETITION THE TOWN FOR SEWER/WATER, SIDEWALKS, SERVICES THEY DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE**

**ANNEXATION DOES NOT HAVE TO BE THE ANSWER! The town may or may not grant such petitioners the creation or construction of the services providing as would be the case for water and sewer that they PAY FOR IT. Districts can be created.. Many of us in the town enjoy our**

spring/well water from the many aquifers that flow beneath us and many more of us have septic tanks and systems. As part of this SEQRA I would hope that the responsibility of the consequences of any construction that involves digging down for water or sewer would affect the aquifers that serve the town residents and the unintended consequences that may occur from damaging the underground streams. A mere three houses only 200 yards from me, new home construction turned my water brown for a month back in 2001. I can't imagine what a mammoth project like this would do to the entire town that was NOT hooked up to water system.

**5.. The SCHOOL TAX ARGUMENT ....** Many Hassidic residents who have chosen to purchase land in the unincorporated town outside of KJ and/or the other villages have tried to make the argument that they shouldn't be paying taxes to the MW School district when they are paying to send their children to Yeshiva to which I say - there are many MORE residents of the town of Monroe who pay full taxes to the MW school district that do not even use it! Either their children have grown, they have no children, or they too are paying for their children to go to parochial school. Yet that is a function of the State system that has created a tax system designed to maintain the level of educations in school districts. We (outside of KJ) gladly pay to keep the MW school district at one of the highest levels in the state, complete with wonderful educators, great music, history, civics, language, art and sports. It's for the overall sustenance of the community and is certainly the jewel we have to attract young families to move here to raise their children and provide them with a great education.

Should KJ be expanded and NOT change the boundaries of the school district, another East Ramapo would CERTAINLY occur as why wouldn't the leaders run candidates for the school board and take over the operating of the \$160 million budget? We all know this game plan, its history and the horrible and most unfortunate results in East Ramapo with the children doing all the suffering. This would be as inappropriate as the town taking over the school board of a Yeshiva and running that!!! Yet we have the respect and consideration for all of the Hasidic community and wouldn't think of such a thing.

**6. TOWN vs a CITY** - The Satmar community certainly has enough affluent people to afford to pay for the unsustainable growth that they live by. This is demonstrated by all the parcels large and small that KJ agents and developers own and control outside of KJ. HUGE amounts of land. We - the people and the taxpayers of the ENTIRE COUNTY cannot continue to pay for KJ's own pipeline and sewer district capacity upgrades nor should we. Instead the KJ Power Elite will do everything they can to force the government - which is US - to pay for it. WE ARE AN ALL ENCOMPASSING diverse community made of and accepting of all races, creeds, religions, and sexual preferences. There has to be something other

than all take, no give, all quid, no pro quo!!!

Currently Orange County is conducting pipeline and sewer treatment surveys that may involve the town of New Windsor since Harriman has reached it's sewer treatment capacity and the Ramapo River cannot handle any more effluent. Why should New Windsor be forced into an upgrade that it will not likely use? Population growth is average in New Windsor and in most of Orange County. All of these sewer treatment plans and surveys/commissions/studies appear to be solely for the projected needs of ONLY KJ.

If New Windsor were to upgrade its own plant it would cost the folks who live in that sewer district less than 2 million dollars. County legislator Anagnostakis has disclosed that the plans to build a water and sewer pipeline from KJ to handle the massive growth to New Windsor and out to the Hudson would cost the taxpayers in the sewer district over 100 million dollars at a minimum!!!!

**HOW IS THIS IN THE OVERALL INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY???**

**\*\*ANYONE** can buy property in the town subject to the local zoning laws which have been established over and by many generations of families to preserve the rural residential lifestyle that we all came here to enjoy. Never did any of us who spent our life savings to buy our dream homes here, and live in this wonderful school district, in the past 30 years intend to turn this into a high density city.. **THIS IS NOT A CITY!!!**

**THIS IS NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE OVERALL COMMUNITY**

**7. Traffic** has become unbearable. Especially on SATURDAY when KJ is observing the Sabbath. Imagine the rest of the week with thousands more vehicles in traffic and pollution.

We have little room for population growth and instead should impose a total building moratorium. We are already too crowded. The entire community has felt the change and it stems from the extraordinary population growth in KJ plus the usual population growth (if any) in the community outside of KJ. I would expect SEQRA to address all ramifications of traffic issues in all of the proposed areas of expansion.

**8. Post Office services** - how many people have to live in one area before they must have their own post office? KJ has over 24,000 people and they are the largest village without a post office in Orange County! Over 200 hamlets, villages, towns and cities in Orange county have their own post offices. Why must we be so congested. Even Harriman has a post office!!! Even Arden Hill has a post office!!! Even Southfields!!! With an additional 50,000 people - still ONE POST OFFICE!!! WHY???



## **9. The town of Monroe multi family high density**

**zoning area... in which the current 507 acre proposal lies. Several speakers in the earlier Scoping Session spoke to the fact that with the unusual Town of Monroe zoning regulations, yet ANOTHER multi-family high density zoning area would have to be created IF this current annexation area were to be annexed into the Village of KJ and out of the sovereign boundaries of the town of Monroe. What is supposed to happen then? Another multi-family zoned area and in due time - much faster this time, another annexation and so on and so on??? Perhaps whatever**

**these requirements are could be removed from the town charter in litigation? This would all occur for the specific special needs of one group of good folks who choose to live their lives as an insular community. This is NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE OVERALL COMMUNITY!**

**10. Finally - I am a proud American Jew - my father served and all of my uncles, some aunts and many cousins fought in WWII. My Grandfather is a decorated WWI veteran. I even have an ultra-orthodox branch of my family who resided for over 60 years in Williamsburg. In the poisonous rhetoric that is spewed at us it is often included either by a PR spokesman, a village leader or even Harley Doles that the Good citizens of KJ are entitled to every advantage that all American citizens enjoy, meaning the privilege to receive entitlement subsistence from the government. As Americans why is it that not a single member of the KJ community has ever come out for the Town of Monroe Memorial Day or Veterans day parades to honor our veterans many of whom have given the ultimate sacrifice so they can practice this exercise of expansion of only their community?**

**Whenever a "leader" or spokesman for the KJ community - who in reality is only speaking for the power - greed - oppressive leaders - accuses ME or ANY member of the Community outside of the KJ to be ANTI-SEMETIC it shows the true colors of THEY being anti-Semitic. We are always asked to observe the delicate respect for the Satmar culture. WE DO!!! ALL (or most of us).. The true community would be to somehow expose the good people of KJ to the rest of us - the outside world - and how we - above all especially in Monroe - respect everyone.. Instead we are faced with a Village within our town that refuses to understand and accept what America is all about and especially NOT be financially responsible to reap what they sow. It is frustrating, disheartening and unaffordable to those of us outside of KJ. We cannot afford this and its getting worse.**

**I am heartbroken at the level of disability, and at the children's obvious fear and disdain for the townspeople outside of KJ when we encounter each**

other at the supermarket or Target or Home Depot. It is shameful and depressing and disgusting as it comes only from their leaders in the ultimate acts of disrespect and the parents who teach their children that we are BAD!!!!

As a result of ALL OF THIS - WE ARE BEING HARMED. THERE IS MUCH PAIN AND SUFFERING.

It is a real shame that the leaders of KJ do everything possible to prevent the insular community from branching out and joining us in events in the outside world - as right next door there is a most beautiful all-encompassing place with all-encompassing good people. The Town of Monroe.

The system has been cleverly gamed every step of the way. We can no longer pay for what KJ needs at the expense of our democratic secular American lifestyle that guarantees freedom of speech, choice and religion.

We know that false information, hate baiting rhetoric, propaganda and lies about us through negative campaigning is often the only information that the majority of the KJ community hears.

This is tantamount to the manipulation of the consciousness of the KJ community and actually an information war.

**And FINALLY,** I feel that the attitude of KJ leadership towards their own community members as well as to the surrounding community runs against the basic core American values.

If you've gotten THIS FAR! I thank you for taking the time to read this and for the opportunity to present it to you as Council for the Lead Agency - the Village of Kiryas Joel.

Best wishes,

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**RESOLUTION AND DETERMINATION THAT THE AMENDED PETITION BY ALL MINE OF ORANGE, INC. FOR ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LAND FROM THE TOWN OF MONROE TO THE VILLAGE OF MONROE IS NOT IN THE OVERALL PUBLIC INTEREST PURSUANT TO 711 OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Monroe received an Amended Petition dated May 22, 2013, but received by the Town on June 4, 2013 as confirmed by the date stamp of the Town of Monroe Town Clerk, said Amended Petition being filed by All Mine of Orange, Inc. seeking to annex certain property in the Town of Monroe into the Village of Monroe; and

**WHEREAS**, said Amended Petition appears to have been properly executed and in a form which complies with Section 703 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, the property subject to the Amended Annexation Petition consists of approximately forty-five (45) acres formerly in two lots which have been combined by a deed dated February 6, 2013 into one lot of unimproved land which is zoned SR-10 (single-family residential) by the Town of Monroe; and

**WHEREAS**, after the combining of the two lots into one single lot designated as tax map parcel 3-3-30.2, as confirmed by the Tax Assessor of the Town of Monroe by Affidavit dated May 21, 2013, such property adjoins the Village of Monroe; and

**WHEREAS**, following due notice of public hearing as posted on September 7, 2013, a joint public hearing was held on October 7, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. at the Town of Monroe Senior Center located at 101 Mine Road, Monroe, New York 10950, said joint hearing being attended by the Town Board of the Town of Monroe and the Village Board of the Village of Monroe and at which all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Monroe has reviewed all materials submitted to it by the Petitioner, has considered all comments received at the joint public hearing, has consulted with Town officials and consultants, and has contemplated whether such annexation would be in the overall public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Monroe wishes to confirm its findings and determination with respect to the matters specified in Section 711 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

**NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved that**

1. The Amended Petition dated May 22, 2013, as received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Monroe on June 4, 2013, contains the signatures of the owner of the property sought to be annexed.
2. The person signing the Amended Petition was qualified to sign.
3. The Amended Petition does substantially comply in form and content with the provisions of Article 7 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.
4. The proposed annexation is not in the overall public interest of: (1) the territory proposed to be annexed; (2) the Village of Monroe being the government to which the territory is proposed to be annexed; (3) the remaining area of the Town of Monroe in which such territory is presently situated; (4) the Monroe-Woodbury Central School District and the Monroe Fire Protection District within which the property sought to be annexed is presently located.

The basis for Town Board determination, as stated above, is as follows:

A. The property in question is subject to a twenty-one (21) lot residential subdivision for the Town of Monroe Planning Board and was given preliminary subdivision approval contingent upon the Petitioner securing an agreement with the Village of Monroe to supply water to the proposed twenty-one (21) lots. The Petitioner's response is to attempt to annex the property into the Village of Monroe, alleging that the Town of Monroe does not have a central water supply to serve the development, a situation that existed when the Petitioner purchased the property. Petitioner conceded that he believes that Petitioner has a right to that water service even if the property remains in the Town of Monroe. As such, the Petitioner should either pursue its rights for water against the Village of Monroe or develop the land consistent with the Town's water services. In either event, Petitioner's water issues are not alone the basis for allowing this annexation.

B. The Town of Monroe stands to lose tax-ratables should this property be annexed and developed as part of the Village based upon approvals already granted by the Town.

C. The Petitioner states that a reason for the annexation is that the Village has a police department to serve the territory and the Town of Monroe does not. However, police services are provided to the Town of Monroe through the New York State Police who would continue to provide service to the subject property even after it is developed, thereby negating that reason as a basis for annexation.

D. The Petitioner alleges that the annexation will not impact the infrastructure for the Town of Monroe, however the property in question fronts a town highway which is maintained by the Town Highway Department and any expansion of the road system would be better served by the Town Highway Department, which already services Mine Road, rather than the Village Highway Department as proposed by Petitioner. Petitioner's supporting documents do not address infrastructure impact or how the same would be taken over by the Village. Any proposed additional infrastructure would directly impact the Town of Monroe.

E. The Petitioner also alleges that the location of the territory is oriented to the existing services and amenities in the Village, a situation that will not be affected or changed in any way if the property remains within the Town of Monroe. Those services and amenities, including nearby commercial retail, food and other outlets, restaurants and public transportation, will all still be situated at their existing locations and will not be changed or affected in any way by the proposed annexation, thereby negating that basis for the annexation.

F. The Petitioner alleges that the annexation will allow access to "parkland" which the Town allegedly does not provide, however with the exception of one small park all of the parkland facilities available to Village residents are also available to Town residents and are monitored and maintained through a Joint Park Commission through the Town and the Village, thereby negating that basis for the annexation.

That based on the reasons set forth herein the Town Board of the Town of Monroe has determined that the land of All Mine of Orange, Inc., designated on the Town of Monroe Tax Map Section 3, Block 3, Lot 30.2, should remain within the governmental jurisdiction of the Town of Monroe and therefore the Amended Petition for Annexation is hereby disapproved upon the motion made by Councilman Burke, seconded by Councilman McQuade, this Resolution denying and/or disapproving the Amended Annexation Petition identified herein was adopted as follows:

Town Supervisor Harley E. Doles, III	(Aye)	Nay
Town Councilman Daniel Burke	(Aye)	Nay
Town Councilman Richard Colon	Aye	Nay
Town Councilman Gerard McQuade	(Aye)	Nay

Dated: February 3, 2014  
Monroe, New York