

Cohalan Challenges Klein

Peter Cohalan, Supervisor of Islip Town, has heard his name called loud and clear: Not from the party leaders, not from the bosses, not from the power brokers, but from the anguished people of Suffolk County; people who have suffered and whose children will suffer because of the malfeasance, mismanagement and corruption surrounding County Executive Klein's tenure as presiding officer of the legislature and County Executive.

Cohalan announced Monday he was accepting the call to challenge Klein in a Republican primary this coming September. In doing so, Cohalan is risking everything. He must turn down the renomination for Supervisor of Islip, if he runs in this primary. Unlike many attorneys who dabble in politics while maintaining a fulltime law practice, when Cohalan became supervisor, he gave up being an active attorney and has no practice to fall back on.

It is inconceivable that Cohalan can lose this challenge considering Klein's record, but if he does, he knows full well he will be through politically. The bosses never forgive someone who turns against them.

These personal factors have weighed heavily on Cohalan for the last few weeks, but his sense of responsibility and justice made him put his personal concerns aside. Cohalan believes in Suffolk. He believes in people and, most important, he believes in our system of government.

Almost as a one man Army, he successfully cleaned out Islip Town government when he took over as supervisor. Up until that time, Islip had a reputation of corruption and mismanagement. When Cohalan became supervisor, he systematically cleaned out department after department. He turned back the power brokers and those who had wantonly sold political favors without regard to the consequences they were having on the residents of this town.

Through astute management, tightfisted fiscal Conservatism, Cohalan rebuilt Islip from shambles to one of the finest run towns in the

nation. He had the instincts, intelligence and ability to motivate and attract good people. They were able to seek out and be awarded millions of dollars in federal resources to rebuild roads, parks, buildings and provide unheard of services for the young and the senior citizens.

In the upcoming campaign to win the designation to run for County Executive on the Republican line, Cohalan will have the fight of his life against the Klein forces. It's not only a battle for the County Executive post, but it's a battle by the people of Suffolk County to regain control of their county from those who have used it as an instrument to get rich quick.

There isn't a resident in Suffolk County who will escape, after 1981, paying for the mismanagement of the Southwest Sewer District. Thanks to Klein, one third of our sales tax is pledged to paying back the bonds if they can't be financed by the residents of the Southwest Sewer District. Many of these residents are already facing bankruptcy. Homes are selling for a fraction of what they were worth before the project began, and assessments have plummeted.

The Southwest Sewer District is only the tip of the iceberg. The entire county is in trouble because of Klein. The East End waterways are clogged. Klein disposed of the county dredge. The county airport at Westhampton, instead of being an asset, is an albatross. Klein again must take full responsibility for this fiasco.

Industries have left Suffolk because they could no longer tolerate the Klein bureaucracy. His rules and regulations had arrogantly been put into effect without regard to the consequences. The county police force is one of the highest paid in the nation, yet morale is low. Ask any cop what he thinks of Klein. He'll tell you.

There is a movement in many towns to return the police to the jurisdiction and financing of local towns.

The County Legislature is being threatened with a return to a Board of Supervisors because of Klein's former iron fisted dominance of this body. Competent legislators were

turned into clowns when faced with the frustration and circumvention of Klein's rule.

With Cohalan, we have a chance of returning government to the people. He has a clean record of accomplishments; he is young, vigorous and dynamic. Even as bad as Klein has been, Cohalan is up against a stiff fight. Top county bosses, power brokers and those who have become comfortable by being enriched are going to fight him with every weapon

at their disposal.

Cohalan's campaign is going to need the help of every resident in Suffolk County, and will need a massive infusion of small donations. He will need workers, time and effort, but this can be a campaign of the average person if we get behind him.

Peter Cohalan's victory can be a victory for us, of the people, by the people, for the people. We hope you will do your part. We are going to do ours. And why not?

Readers' Opinion

"It is indeed a pleasure"

Dear Sir:

We would like very much to thank the manager of the Anchor Savings Bank at 880 Middle Country Rd., Middle Island, for the use of their Community Room. It is indeed a pleasure to be part of a community where the principles and the staff of a bank will give of themselves to such an extent as to provide meeting room space for so many different organizations, social activities and civic groups.

we would like at this time to extend our sincerest thanks to Mr. Robert Cotten, the manager of that bank, and his staff.

Sincerely,
Leah Seider
Tax Action By Senior Citizens, Inc.
Caleb Brewster Senior Citizens Club
Clout (Coalition to Lower Our Unfair Taxes)
Leah Seider, President

"They do not want the plants"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I sent to Governor Carey. I will appreciate your printing this as an open letter in your paper with kindest regards.

Yours very truly,
Thomas C. Kelly
No. Patchogue

Co. does not tell how they are going to dispose of the waste and have not proved the plants will be absolutely safe. A disaster like the one in Pennsylvania, and there have been accidents in other nuclear plants around the country, could destroy Long Island.

Why do you suppose there are all those demonstrations in other states if there is not something wrong? You were elected to do the will of the people, not the Long Island Lighting Co.

You speak of the millions of dollars that have been spent. Does this mean more to you than people's lives?

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The Hon. Hugh Carey

Dear Sir:

I listened to you on television approving the building of the nuclear power plants on Long Island.

The people on Long Island, including myself, helped to elect you, and they do not want these plants. The Long Island Lighting

"It would be non-polluting"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Has anyone thought of using the ocean's tidal currents to power hydroelectric turbines? There is a vast amount of potential WR out there in the Atlantic Ocean just waiting to be exploited. It would be non-polluting and free. If not totally dependable, at least it could supplement other energy sources.

Once installed, the turbines would pay for themselves, since ocean water is free. Have you ever stood at the shoreline of the ocean when the tide was going out? The pulling

power is tremendous. How many times have we heard of someone being pulled out to sea by the undertow? There must be a reasonably simple way to make the ocean supply the Long Island area, and possibly the New England states as well.

It would seem that the inlet areas, such as Shinnecock and Fire Island, would be ready-made channels for maximum pulling power.
Best regards,
Donald Gordon
North Babylon

"After all, the sun is free"

Dear Editor:

I think the way gas prices are going up is ridiculous. The way things are going, it's going to cost five dollars just to fill your lawnmower. If gas is getting so hard to get, why doesn't the U.S. start research on solar power? After all, the sun is free. Until then, why doesn't the President ban eight and ten

cylinder cars. He also should cut airplane flights down. Planes consume more gas than cars.

Sincerely,
Bob Kaler
7th Grade
Patchogue

"I want to thank you"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

As public relations director for the Westhampton Beach Lions Club, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your coverage of our Fashion Drama-Dinner in

Southampton recently.

We look forward to working with you in the future.

Thank you again,
John B. Gallagher

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Hanse Has to Be Kidding

Suffolk County Republican boss, Gil Hanse, called a press conference Monday. He announced he was sending a registered letter to Islip Town Supervisor Peter Cohalan, requesting he rescind his decision to run a primary against King John for the nomination to run for county executive.

This is so ridiculous it is almost laughable. Hanse and his cronies virtually stole the nomination from Cohalan at the Republican convention. They twisted arms, threatened and cajoled. Hanse, himself, was reported to have appointed fifty committeemen at the last moment to fill vacancies in order to vote for Klein. At that convention there was no democracy in action. The rank and file, those who did not have a vested interest in who the next County Executive will be, were denied an honest, open convention.

Now, Hanse faced with the probable defeat of Klein, is asking the one man who has a chance of winning in November to step down.

Hanse must have a masochistic, political tendency. Either that, or he has become a Democrat in his old age. His own polls show him that if Klein heads the ticket this coming November, the Democrats will have a clean sweep.

The voters of Suffolk County have had it with Hanse's brand of

Republicanism. They want a clean house. They want a clean face. Peter Cohalan, Supervisor of Islip, offers them this opportunity. He is articulate, intelligent and a principled man who has a track record of cleaning up and cleaning out corruption. He has fought his own party leader. In fact, he even called for his resignation when he tried to foster his views contrary to Cohalan's belief.

Cohalan is his own man. This is what Hanse and the old guard can't stand. They know once Cohalan wins the nomination and becomes victorious in November, he is going to dig up the graves where the bodies are buried. He has a reputation for not giving a damn about party registration. If there were Republicans who have had their hands in the cookie jar, Cohalan is going to slam the lid shut on them just as if they were Democrats or Independents.

Hanse and his crowd have a lot to be worried about. If their favorite boy, John Klein, does not get back into office and keep business going as usual, there is going to be hell to pay.

We hope when Cohalan gets Hanse's message he is able to control his laughter and fire back to Hanse and Klein a message they will understand loud and clear. And why not?

crisis? The energy crisis has, in six months, doubled the cost of gasoline. Fuel we must have to heat our homes is expected to cost twice as much this coming winter. Electrical energy will go up accordingly when the utility companies add fuel adjustments. This will translate right down to you and the cost of a loaf of bread.

Everything will carry a higher price tag. It will be taxed more because our progressive system of income taxes is not indexed to reflect inflation. There isn't any question our energy crisis and resulting inflation were masterminded.

Jimmy Carter and Congress wanted more tax revenues. Every energy plan Carter came up with or Congress was even vaguely interested in was based upon imposing higher and newer taxes. The energy crisis is giving them this without the passage of their new tax measures.

The government is receiving windfall taxes due to inflation caused by the gouging of the energy barons. The big oil companies are increasing

their margins of profits astronomically. Even the little, independent service station operators are getting rich. The utilities will have their profits enhanced through the fuel adjustment clauses, and our politicians in Washington and Albany are taking in increased taxes by the truckload.

The consumers and the non-energy businesses are paying for this. We will continue to pay for it, until there is a natural uprising forcing our government to index inflation to taxes. This is not the cure all but is the one single effort that can be accomplished by the stroke of a pen. It will give us an even break and put a halt to runaway inflation and ever-increasing government.

Until you, the taxpayer, and the victim of the cruel energy hoax, stand up and demand your government cease benefitting from the crisis, you will end up financing them through diminishing income and increased taxation. It's up to you. And why not?

Let's Cut Wood

Suffolk County Park lands literally contain thousands of cords of dead wood that is rotting and going to waste. The Suffolk County Park Department feels that you, the taxpayer and resident of Suffolk County, do not have the brains to determine dead wood from live wood, and so they forbid anyone from harvesting this valuable asset.

Many Suffolk residents today have installed airtight stoves in their homes as a method of combating high fuel costs. Other residents plan on taking the chill off the house by burning wood in their fireplace.

A cord of wood bought from a commercial dealer ranges from \$60.00 to \$150.00. Suffolk residents, by nature of living in the country, are do-it-yourselfers. Many, if they had a place to cut, would go into the woods and harvest all the wood they would need.

It is an abuse of power and arrogant regulations that deny you, the Suffolk taxpayer, the right to go into our park lands and cut out the dead wood that will only rot and be wasted.

This is an election year, and it would do the County Legislature's image a world of good if they did something for the people. By a simple resolution, they can open up the park lands on certain days of the week or at certain times for the harvesting of this wood.

The state has a similar successful program in effect and the county could pattern a plan after theirs. The state allows residents on certain days and under certain conditions to go into the lands they control and harvest up to a cord or two for their own use. Woodcutters pay a nominal fee for this privilege. The program doesn't make money for the state, but it at least gives the taxpayer a chance of acquiring some cheap energy and also another recreational opportunity.

The county's Park Department's belligerence in denying Suffolk residents this right must come to an end. As the winter heating season is not that far off, it is imperative the legislature act now to put people back in the parks. And why not?

If There Was an Index Would There Be a Fuel Crisis?

Suffolk Life has been a proponent of indexing inflation to taxes: "As inflation reduces the value of the dollar, the base amount of our taxable income is adjusted accordingly."

As our tax system is currently structured, the federal government continually receives an increase in taxes as the dollar is eroded by inflation. As we are paid more and make more in inflated dollars, we pay a higher per cent in taxes. As a result, our state and federal governments

benefit from inflation. As they are the beneficiaries, there is no incentive for them to attempt to control or stop inflation.

In fact, inflation is counterincentive, because the more inflation there is, the higher percentage of our income they receive in taxes and the more dollars they have available to squander without having to impose a real tax increase.

A popular current guessing game is: Who is to blame for the energy

Readers' Opinion

"King John should stop this farce"

Dear Mr. Willmott:

Imagine poor John Klein having all those illegal friends and aides and him not knowing anything about them. Sounds like an ex-president of ours, initials R.M.N. First Barbato, a close friend and protege, is indicted and King John is aghast. Then of his top aides, Joseph Fasbach, "gets a little drunk" and signs a county legislator's name to a receipt. Then his ex top deputy, Michael Gotthainer, is indicted. Either King John is

very stupid or very crooked. Either way, he does not deserve to be a politician with so much authority and power in our county. King John should stop this farce and resign as Nixon did. The people of this county are tired of crooks, and if the Republican Party is stupid enough to run King John, we will all welcome Martin Feldman with open arms. Sincerely,
John La Rosa
Middle Island

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