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The economic development regimes of New York State and Ulster County have failed Wawarsing. The reality of the situation is that Wawarsing must abandon its orientation toward economic development with the assistance of external forces such as Ulster County and New York State.

Wawarsing must reorient itself towards economic growth through a holistic and organic approach that focuses on internal forces as the source of economic expansion.

For some reason, the four keys to economic growth are viewed as some sort of hidden, unattainable, and unknown mystery in this town.

No longer.

The four keys to economic growth and economic expansion are:

- Increases in Capital Stock
- Increases in Resource Availability
- Technological Innovation
- Improvements to the Rules of the Game

An increase or improvement in any one of these has the potential to create economic expansion on its own. What I suggest, is improving the rules of the game in Wawarsing to specifically increase capital stock, increase resource availability, and technological innovation in a manner that provides equality of economic opportunity for all, by not picking and choosing preferential treatment for one industry over another.

On December 18th, I addressed the Wawarsing Town Board and urged them to commission an Economic Growth Task Force composed of qualified volunteers, who are members of the community, to review the rules of the game and make recommendations for their improvement, in order to begin the economic growth process.

In order for this to be successful all the rules of the game in Wawarsing have to be put on the table. The zoning laws, the comprehensive plan, the building code, the Town Code and every other resolution and statute that governs economic activity in Wawarsing, should be reviewed, revised, and reformed, to improve the rules of the game to increase capital stock, increase resource availability, and increase technological innovation.

Earlier this year the Town Board unanimously improved the rules of the game in Wawarsing, to accommodate international casino gaming oligopolists under the banner of economic development.

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The time has finally come for the rules of the game to be improved for the local households and firms of Wawarsing, under the banner of economic growth.

In light of the fact there exists no viable plan, to resuscitate that flat lined economic development regime, it is time to let economic development pass away.

I urge the community to petition the Wawarsing Town Board to establish an Economic Growth Task Force composed of members of the community whose mission is to: improve the rules of the game in Wawarsing, in order to increase capital stock, resource availability, and technological innovation for the sake of robust economic expansion in Wawarsing.