

Now that the audit is final Cathy White and I would like to issue a statement dealing with the audit, because of the professionals we are, we waited until the audit was done.

When we first heard rumblings of malfeasance at the delegation level Cathy spoke to Mike Sylvia, former chair of the delegation and soon to be former representative. She told him that we would both welcome the opportunity to sit with the delegation and present our financials in detail and answer any and all questions they had. We made this request directly to Mike Sylvia multiple times and never received a response or acknowledgement of this offer. Soon after Ness became chair we were informed, unbeknownst to us, that they were forming an audit committee with certain members of the delegation and a member of the public. Specifically, Barbara Comtois and John Plummer and later Dawn Johnson.

. When we asked what it's purpose was we were told it would be for our protection and that it was an "olive branch" from the GAC to the delegation.

It was only a few weeks later that the attacks on Cathy and I began.

Since the inception of the audit committee, we have had our honesty and integrity assaulted in print, radio and multiple gatherings. The following individuals Dave Strang, Peter Ness, Barbara Comtois, Dawn Johnson, Norm Silber and Mike Sylvia have spread inaccuracies, misinformation and false accusations at both Cathy and I. Insulting our professionalism and integrity over and over again at any chance they had. These individuals have shown themselves to be petty, mean-spirited bullies who believe that the louder they talk, and spread unsubstantiated claims, the more they will be heard. In our experience, they don't want to be informed of the facts, they just want to win an argument -even when there is absolutely no evidence to back up their claims. It's too bad that these individuals used their political positions to tear down what this team has worked tirelessly to build, instead of something beneficial for the people of Belknap county - imagine all the good that could have come from this group had they used their positions in a more constructive way.