

**This is a rebuttal to the “Friends of Furey” letter dated March 21, 2007, that was mailed out around town.**

Ed Furey is a coward to blame Dawn Frauenfelder for Mercury Waste. Is he so inept as a leader that he couldn't make the right decision to protect the town from a dangerous embarrassment like Mercury Waste? The fact of the matter is, that he was the chairman of a 3-man town board and an **appointed, advisory** plan commission. He led the show.

This is what else Furey did for us in the '90s:

As chairman, he APPOINTED a developer friend, Ted Dremel Sr., to supervisor, so Dremel could bring in a high-density subdivision, spot-zoned up against commercial and industrial zoning and wrongly-placed outside of the sewer district. Of course, that meant that Furey had to redistrict the sewer boundaries to help out his friend. We all had to foot the bill for an expansion at the sewer plant. Then, while Dremel held office, ~~the rest of the board entertained and~~ approved Dremel's subdivision and the access road that was put in over a wetland. Furey entered into contracts with a sitting board member that elevated the board member's property value and devalued that of others! I think it was criminal. It stinks of conflict of interest and it is exactly the kind of unethical networking that this town doesn't need anymore. Furey's got friends with land outside the sewer boundaries so I predict we'd see yet another expansion of the sewer district. Doing favors for friends is not a good reason to run for office.

Another reason he's running? How about cramming his terrible band-aid lake plan down everyone's throats? He wanted to dump fluridone in Eagle Lake, a dangerous poison, but the DNR denied him a permit. Now he thinks killing the lake again is the answer. Who really wants to see the lake drained and killed every 15 years? That hasn't fixed the problems. Remember when Furey wanted everyone in the Manor and Terrace to pay for the weed harvester? Is he going to try and make us pay for his lake plan, too?

Here's another thing that got by Furey: engineering costs have risen dramatically ever since the hiring of Applied Technologies, the town's engineering firm from Illinois that has caused many complaints about questionable and exorbitant bills to residents. How about having to pay a **\$1,600 consulting fee** for a residential driveway? How about being **bilked \$900** for Applied Technologies to tell you that you can route your gutters into your yard (information you could have gotten for free as part of your building permit). I was a victim of Applied Technologies and I think the billing is fraudulent and malicious. Why have our town boards allowed this company to become so rooted in Dover when there are local firms with reasonable rates and honest billing practices?

Furey had his chance and I think his past performance was less than credible. He needs to clean up his own “junk yard.” Special interest influence, intimidation and harassment should be run out of Dover government. We need a fresh start forward, not a step backward.

Sincerely,  
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