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Town Council letter for the record

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- > To whom it may concern:
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- > The Saint John Town Council Facebook page was established this April 29,2021.
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- > Until very recent (December 2021) the unknown administrators of this page have gone back and restricted commenting on posts that were for information for the citizens such as road closures and various events.
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- > Upon reviewing the page in the last 4 days commenting was shut off on posts that had existing comments that were completely appropriate and non threatening.
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- > A post that was made a few days ago had a day/date error and one person made a comment and after the one comment was made (non threatening/appropriate)the commenting was once again shut down.
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- > A new post was made this past Sunday stating that the Saint John Town Council was only a informative face book page and that no comments will be allowed to send a message if you "had any questions or comments"
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- > I have since sent two messages to the unknown person behind the Saint John Town Council page asking directly who the administrators were for said page and I was completely ignored on both very respectful non threatening messages. The two responses from the town council page did not include any name of responding individual as I also requested.
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- > I have researched hundreds of state,local and federal Facebook pages and not ONE prohibits commenting on "informative" pages as the SJ Town Council has chosen to do.
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- > I feel this is an infringement on 1A rights as you allowed commenting on specific post and after a few comments were posted you block others from commenting on posts where existing comments existed.
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- > My assumption and I could be wrong is that ALL public government Facebook/Social media pages are designed to be "informative" so why would this Town Council (except Wayne Pondinas who states he has no page access) have any "informative" social media government page like the entire country and decide 8 months after creating the page to start suppressing the voices of US taxpaying citizens?
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- > Why is a picture including Wayne on this page if he isn't allowed access or input including responses?
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- > Is there something this town council is hiding from or are you afraid of transparency and accountability in a public social media setting? Is this how this town council values the 1A and freedom of speech?
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- > Regards
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