Cooks Falls & Downsville Water District members,

"No Taxation Without Representation" was a political slogan that appeared in the American colonies in the 1760s, starting with the imposition of the Stamp Act of 1765 and the meeting of the Stamp Act Congress on Oct 7, 1765.

While in Cooks Falls this Spring, I became aware of the 'Fix the Water' sentiments expressed by many of you within the hamlet. **Well, I am listening and I am making a plan.**

If elected, upon taking office in January, I will explore with you the formation of Water District Commissioners or Advisors. These will be citizens from within the water district(s) that will help serve as the voice of the community and assist the town board in making decisions about your water district. These water districts are very similar to other special tax districts, such as fire protection or lighting districts and should certainly have representatives.

All of our town board members serve on various committees, so the two board members who oversee each of the two water districts will work alongside the water commissioners to bring recommendations to the full board. As we move towards more transparency within your local town government, this is necessary.

The formation of water commissioners won't solve our problems, but will give us a base on which to move forward as we explore ideas and options to allow our water districts to be as efficient and strong as possible.

Thank you for your support,

--Rob Hafele

