

Two interesting things about candidate Reynolds and the CAP

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Gadfly,

I note two interesting things about WR's response. First, he is taking a lot of credit for doing his job, which is to respond to the significant citizen interest in a climate action plan (CAP). While he deserves some credit for helping to get money for other people to write the CAP, it is a bit self-aggrandizing for him to claim that HE is the developer of it. He's the public face of a citizen effort, and as a consequence of that, he is benefiting from significant political support coming from the environmental community in Bethlehem that this public role assured him. Of course, we don't actually have any concrete action on climate change after many years of planning and talking and support building, so whether he will be successful in getting anything significant done on climate remains to be seen. Second, as a quasi-governmental advisory council without a partisan political affiliation, I'm shocked that Mr. Reynolds would publicly proclaim the support of members of the EAC that he voted to appoint. It's fine for appointed officials to support political candidates as private citizens, but for Reynolds to affiliate his candidacy with the support of people he approved for public positions smacks of impropriety. It undermines the legitimacy of the EAC because it gives the appearance that he approved the appointment of people because he already knew he could later claim their support in a political campaign. This is precisely why we need the Ethics Ordinance that Reynolds so effectively torpedoed.

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