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Letters to the editor

'Playing politics' with town business

Like many people, I was dismayed that James Mudd, the Lewiston Democratic chairman, chose the holiday season to play politics with town business. Mr. Mudd, a Occidental Chemical executive, certainly should be able to differentiate between a sanitary landfill and a nuclear waste repository. Mr. Lombardi, Mr. Kolke and I can.

To think that he would assume that the taxpayers and residents of the town were at an intellectual level which would not allow them to discern the difference between moving a landfill to hold non-toxic materials, and adding to nuclear material in the town, astounds me.

Mr. Mudd can best be recognized as captain of the team that: took away brush and leaf pickup, curtailed the senior citizens program, paid \$61 a ton to remove sludge when \$14 a ton was bid, and wanted to deny the fire companies funds they needed to protect our citizens. All of the above have been corrected by the present board majority with no tax increase.

Managing the Town of Lewiston with a \$3-million budget is a challenging task. Most of the time our board works together, with each contributing within the areas of their interests and expertise. We do not need politicians like Mr. Mudd interfering and disrupting the business of the town's elected officials.

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