

February 18, 2016

Chairman and Corporation Board  
Town of Colonie Local Development Corporation  
347 Old Niskayuna Road  
Latham, New York 12110

Dear Chairman and Members of the Board:

We are pleased to present this report related to our audit of the financial statements of the Town of Colonie Local Development Corporation (Corporation) for the year ended December 31, 2015. This report summarizes certain matters required by professional standards to be communicated to you in your oversight responsibility for Corporation's financial reporting process.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board members and management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. It will be our pleasure to respond to any questions you have regarding this report. We appreciate the opportunity to continue to be of service to the Corporation.

Very truly yours,

SaxBST LLP

  
  


Paul L Goetz, Partner

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## Town of Colonie Local Development Corporation

Communication With Those Charged With Governance  
Year Ended December 31, 2015

Generally accepted auditing standards (AU-C 260, *The Auditor's Communication with Those Charged with Governance*) require the auditor to promote effective two-way communication between the auditor and those charged with governance. Consistent with this requirement, the following summarizes our responsibilities regarding the financial statement audit, as well as observations arising from our audit that are significant and relevant to your responsibility to oversee the financial reporting process.

### **Our Responsibilities and the Planned Scope and Timing of the Financial Statement Audit**

Our responsibility under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America has been described to you in our arrangement letter dated January 25, 2016. We have issued a separate communication regarding the planned scope and timing of our audit and have discussed with you our identification of and planned audit response to significant risks of material misstatement. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities which are also described in that letter.

### **Accounting Policies and Practices**

#### **Preferability of Accounting Policies and Practices**

Under generally accepted principles, in certain circumstances, management may select among alternative accounting practices. In our view, in such circumstances, management has selected the preferable accounting practice.

#### **Adoption of, or Change in, Accounting Policies**

Management has the ultimate responsibility for the appropriateness of the accounting policies used by the Corporation. The Corporation did not adopt or change any accounting policies during fiscal 2015.

#### **Significant or Unusual Transactions**

We did not identify any significant or unusual transactions or significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

#### **Management's Judgments and Accounting Estimates**

There are no sensitive accounting estimates in the Corporation's December 31, 2015 financial statements.

### **Audit Adjustments**

There were no audit adjustments made to the original trial balance presented to us to begin our audit.

### **Uncorrected Misstatements**

We are not aware of any uncorrected misstatements other than misstatements that are clearly trivial.

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## **Disagreements with Management**

We encountered no disagreements with management over the application of significant accounting principles, the basis for management's judgments on any significant matters, the scope of the audit, or significant disclosures to be included in the financial statements.

## **Consultations with Other Accountants**

We are not aware of any consultations management had with other accountants about accounting or auditing matters.

## **Significant Issues Discussed with Management**

No significant issues arising from the audit were discussed with or the subject of correspondence with management.

## **Significant Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit**

We did not encounter any significant difficulties in dealing with management during the audit.

## **Communicating Significant Deficiencies and Material Weaknesses in Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements, and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal controls over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses.

## **Significant Written Communications Between Management and Our Firm**

Copies of significant written communications between our firm and the management of the Corporation, including the representation letter provided to us by management, are attached as Exhibit A.

We will be pleased to respond to any questions you have about these matters. We appreciate the opportunity to be of continued service to you.

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*SaxBST LLP*

Albany, New York  
February 18, 2016



**Town of Colonie  
Local Development Corporation**

Significant Written Communications  
Between Management and our Firm  
Year Ended December 31, 2015

Representation Letter





# TOWN OF COLONIE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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Phone (518)783-2741 Fax (518)783-2888

February 18, 2016

SaxBST LLP  
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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audits of the financial statements of the Town of Colonie Local Development Corporation (Corporation), which comprise the statements of net position as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing an opinion on whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of the date of your independent auditor's report, the following representations made to you during your audits:

### *Financial Statements*

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit arrangement letter dated January 25, 2016 and the audit planning communication dated January 25, 2016, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements referred to above in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
2. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
3. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
4. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable and reflect our judgment based on our knowledge and experience about past and current events and our assumptions about conditions we expect to exist and courses of action we expect to take.
5. Related-party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.
6. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
7. The effects of all known actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

8. We have no knowledge of any uncorrected misstatements in the financial statements.
9. We have identified for you all organizations that are a part of this reporting entity or with which we have a relationship, as these organizations are defined in Section 2100 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, that are:
  - a. Component units.
  - b. Other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Corporation are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.
  - c. Jointly governed organizations in which we participated.

*Information Provided*

10. We have provided you with:
  - a. Access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.
  - b. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audits.
  - c. Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
  - d. Minutes of the meetings of the members and committees of members, or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
11. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
12. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
13. We have no knowledge of allegations of fraud or suspected fraud, affecting the Corporation's financial statements involving:
  - a. Management.
  - b. Employees who have significant roles in the internal control.
  - c. Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
14. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Corporation's financial statements received in communications from employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, or others.
15. We have disclosed to you all known instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

16. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements, and we have not consulted legal counsel concerning litigation or claims.
17. We have disclosed to you the identity of the Corporation's related parties and all related-party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
18. We are aware of no significant deficiencies, including material weaknesses, in the design or operation of internal controls that could adversely affect the Corporation's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data.
19. There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
20. We know of no violations of state or federal statutory or regulatory provisions, grants or other contractual provisions, or of provisions of local ordinances.
21. We have no direct or indirect, legal or moral, obligation for any debt of any organization, public or private, or to special assessment bond holders that is not disclosed in the financial statements.
22. Net positions and fund balances are properly classified and, when applicable, approved.
23. Capital assets are properly capitalized, reported, and depreciated.
24. We have complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance. In connection therewith, we specifically represent that we are responsible for determining that we are not subject to the requirements of the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular No. A-133, because we have not received, expended, or otherwise been the beneficiary of any federal awards over \$750,000 during the periods of these audits.

*Supplementary Information*

25. With respect to the supplementary information presented in relation to the financial statements as a whole:
  - a. We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of such information.
  - b. We believe such information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
  - c. The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period.
26. With respect to Management's Discussion and Analysis presented as required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board to supplement the basic financial statements:
  - a. We acknowledge our responsibility for the presentation of such required supplementary information.
  - b. We believe such required supplementary information is measured and presented in accordance with guidelines prescribed by U.S. GAAP.
  - c. The methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period.

27. During the course of your audits, you may have accumulated records containing data that should be reflected in our books and records. All such data have been so reflected. Accordingly, copies of such records in your possession are no longer needed by us.

*Compliance Considerations*

28. In connection with your audits conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we confirm that management:
- a. Is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.
  - b. Is responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to the auditee.
  - c. Has identified and disclosed to the auditor all instances that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, of fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws and regulations that have a material effect on the financial statements or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance.
  - d. Has identified and disclosed to the auditor all instances that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, of noncompliance with provisions of contracts and grant agreements that have a material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts.
  - e. Has identified and disclosed to the auditor all instances that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, of abuse that could be quantitatively or qualitatively material to the financial statements.
  - f. Is responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
  - g. Acknowledges its responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal controls to prevent and detect fraud.
  - h. Has taken timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud; noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements; or abuse that the auditor reports.
  - i. Has a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
  - j. Has identified for the auditor previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
  - k. Has provided views on the auditor's reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as management's planned corrective actions, for the report.



- I. Acknowledges its responsibilities as they relate to non-audit services performed by the auditor, including a statement that it assumes all management responsibilities; that it oversees the services by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; that it evaluates the adequacy and results of the services performed; and that it accepts responsibility for the results of the services.

Very truly yours,

TOWN OF COLONIE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION



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Joseph LaCivita, Chief Executive Officer



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David DeLuca, Audit Chairman



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P. Christopher Kelsey, Accounting Supervisor