

Council played by rules with sale

Recent letters in these columns from regular correspondents the Slaters require comment, and it is unfortunate I was not given the opportunity to do so earlier.

Both Warren and Pat Slater discuss the process leading to the Whangarei District Council decision to sell land at Okara for retail development.

Legislation surrounding the sale process was strictly adhered to by council and monitored by our legal advisers. This was a very important decision for councillors to make after a lengthy consultation process and consideration was given to all matters raised by submitters.

The Slaters are well named. They sitate Whangarei District Council regularly, but on this occasion Pat Slater has overstepped the mark in claiming there was some interplay between Mr Wayne Hill and myself, ie, a wink.

There was no such wink. The implication is offensive. It is a nasty insinuation which should not have been published without it being referred to me, and it should not have been published under a heading which compounded the insinuation in the letter.

Readers are well used to the negativity of the Slaters. It is a shame that in the brief time they have lived in our district that they have not found more positive things to do with their time.

I hope this letter puts matters straight on their latest attacks.

STAN SEMENOFF
Whangarei Mayor



DENIED: Stan Semenoff says he did not wink at Wayne Hill.

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NORTHERN ADVOCATE

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