Dear Residents,

Why are changes necessary for the annual cleanup Day? The Town Administration under my leadership acknowledges that this year's changes are significant. The Town Board has given very serious consideration to this important Annual Cleanup Day service. Your full attention to these relevant factors is warranted and requested.

. The Town of Hague is the only one out of 122 Adirondack towns that does not have a Town Tax.

. The Town is being tightly managed to stay within the budget increase of 2% or less per year.

. A recent NYS audit confirmed that Hague's finances, unlike some Adirondack towns, are well managed and properly cared for.

. Our Landfill is currently operating @ a \$90,000 per year loss. Unfortunately Cleanup Day has added to that loss as six 40' containers that were used in last year's cleanup means a loss of revenue.

. As a town Board we do not wish to impose a town tax to cover landfill expenses as many residents pay for their own curbside pickup.

. Thus this year's Cleanup protocol is deemed necessary to get the annual procedure back in control, efficient and cost effective. This includes but is not limited to specifically limiting the free volume to 3 yds per resident at the landfill and/or at roadside pickup. In the past this is where substantial abuse occurred—hoarding of excessive amounts until Cleanup Day, Town Highway having to make multiple trips on multiple days, as well as dumping after hours.

. We implore everyone's cooperation because we believe all these changes are necessary for the best interest of all Town residents. We also have a fiduciary responsibility to get a handle on this. I have called other towns in the county and most do not do a cleanup day. We have worked hard to try to make this process run smoothly, including gaining specific help by several of our local companies for all our residents and with your cooperation I know it will.

Sincerely,

Edna A. Frasier

**Town Supervisor**