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League of Women Voters of Saratoga County has a longstanding interest in transparency of government and we applaud the efforts you have made to make information available through your website. Based on our experience observing meetings and using the county's website we have some recommendations for you to consider.

We have noticed that it is difficult for the public to access the background information crucial to understanding the Board of Supervisors' decisions. Documents used by committees in reaching decisions are not easily available to the public. This is problematic because the public has no way of understanding the rationale or implications of these decisions. The League thinks it would be effective if these documents were available on the website.

The Board of Supervisors is to be commended for the timely posting of meeting summaries even prior to adoption as official minutes. There should also be a notification on the website alerting people to read minutes of the committees forwarding agenda items. This would enable people to follow Board of Supervisors decisions.

Most County residents cannot attend Board of Supervisors meetings. The next step for transparency would be to make a videocast of Board of Supervisors proceedings available on the website.

These suggestions would enable the public to be more knowledgeable about the workings of their county government.