

Dear Supervisor Bettez, and Town Council Members Seyfert-Lillis, Logan, Irwin, and Torres,

The joint town/village public access committee (Ken Wishnick, Anton Stewart, Kevin Kelly, and myself), along with consultation from the program coordinator, (Bob Fagan of USIA Video), have drafted a set of guidelines regarding political programming on Channel 23 and the New Paltz Public Access YouTube channel. These guidelines were recently adopted by the Village for use during their last election cycle. In turn, we are asking for the Town Board to review and adopt the attached proposed guidelines for use during the upcoming Town election season. These guidelines help to provide equitable use of air time on Channel 23 and ensure that there is designated time for such programming for the six-week period prior to a local election. They would be in effect prior to the September Democratic Primary as well as the November election date.

Please add this on as an agenda item to an upcoming board meeting and inform me as to the date it will be on the agenda. In the future, the committee hopes to review and update the entire Program Policy Guide for public access programming in the Village and the Town.

In addition, with the recent resignation of member Ken Wishnick, we now have a vacancy for a town appointed member.

Sincerely,
Andrea Russo
New Paltz Public Access Committee