

**Laws & Rules, Governmental Services Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: May 20, 2019 – 6:30 PM
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Donaldson
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
PRESENT: Legislators Bartels, Heppner, Roberts, Rodriguez & Ronk
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislative Counsel Gordon, Minority Counsel Pascale, Deputy County Executive Marc Rider – UC Executive’s Office, Sheriff Juan Figueroa – UC Sheriff’s Office, Commissioner Ashley Dittus and Deputy Commissioner Ernest Klepis – UC Board of Elections, Vivian Welton – Shandaken Democratic Committee, Laura Ricci – Woodstock Town Board & Democratic Committee, Susan Bissonnette – Woodstock Democratic Committee, Chaia Lehrer – Plattekill Democratic Committee, Gladys I Figueroa – UCDC/UCDW, Stephanie Perry - UCDC/UCDW, Rose Guerrieri, Iyla Shornstein, Kevin Freeman, Brad Will, Peter Schoenberger, Tamara Norman, Gene Aguvie, Maude Bruce – NAACP, Otia Lee – UC Dem Women/Campaign Chair, Jane Schanberg – VC New Paltz Dem Committee, Josh Honig – New Paltz Democratic Committee, Jeff Collins – Woodstock Democratic Committee, Alex Wojcik, Eli Duncan-Gillmore, John Milgrim, Aaron Levine, Adele Calcavecchio, Bill Clair

Chairman Donaldson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. He asked the members of the public present to be respectful of the committee while they conduct their business.

Resolutions for the May 21, 2019 Session of the Legislature

Chairman Donaldson advised the members that he would be taking Late Resolution No. 227 out of order as Sheriff Figueroa was in attendance to answer any questions.

LATE Resolution No. 227: Requesting Authorization To Apply For A United States Department Of Justice, Office Of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program Grant – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes an application for a United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program Grant to support the Ulster County Sheriff’s Office Comprehensive Opioid Plan (UCCOP).

Motion No. 1: **Resolution No. 227 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion:

Sheriff Figueroa thanked the members for considering the late Resolution. He explained that the application is for a comprehensive opioid abuse grant through the Department of Justice which is due by June 5th. He added that the grant will be used to implement the UC COP or Ulster County Comprehensive Opioid Plan, which will work in conjunction with the Executive's Office, the Department of Health and the County's Opioid Task Force. He explained that it is a four phase program including an opioid awareness trailer as part of the education component, NARCAN training, mental health services, and other initiatives. He emphasized that the program focuses on helping people find recovery assistance as opposed to arresting them. He added that they are working on partnerships with Catholic Charities, Family of Woodstock, R.Y.A.N and other family and community groups. He informed the members that phase three would include a Medication Assistant Treatment program in the Jail and phase four is a job opportunities program.

Legislator Rodriguez thanked the Sheriff for providing such a thorough explanation of the program.

Motion No. 2: Motion to ADOPT Resolution No. 227

Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Donaldson, Heppner, Roberts, Rodriguez & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Motion No. 3: Moved to APPROVE the Minutes of the April 15, 2019 meeting

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Donaldson, Heppner, Roberts, Rodriguez & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Minutes APPROVED**

Resolutions for the May 21, 2019 Session of the Legislature (continued)

Resolution No. 225: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Sign Agreements With Various School Districts In Ulster County For The Use Of Polling Equipment And Material – Ulster County Board Of Elections

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to sign agreements, and amendments thereto, with School Districts in Ulster County for the use of polling equipment and material for the May 21, 2019 Ulster County School District elections.

Motion No. 4: **Resolution No. 225 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion:

Chairman Donaldson asked Commissioner Dittus which school districts did not have agreements with the County BOE. Commissioner Dittus responded that the Ellenville, Pine Bush and Wallkill districts did not have agreements with the county to conduct their elections. Legislator Ronk stated that Wallkill decided to work with the Orange County BOE because the Ulster BOE was resistant to offering assistance. He added that Ellenville decided to purchase their own voting systems and he assumed Pine Bush also entered into an agreement with the Orange County BOE.

Motion No. 5: **Motion to ADOPT Resolution No. 225**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Donaldson, Heppner, Roberts, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

LATE Resolution No. 226: Providing Recommendation In Relation To Selection Of Poll Sites For Successful Early Voting Implementation In Ulster County

Resolution Summary: This resolution recommends the Board of Elections come to a compromise on the number and location of early voting sites in Ulster County.

Chairman Donaldson explained that the Resolution was memorializing and advised those present that the Legislature does not have the power to dictate early voting poll sites to the BOE.

Motion No. 6: **Resolution No. 226 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion:

Chairman Donaldson advised the members that a population density map and other information provided by Commissioner Dittus was provided in the meeting materials (appended to these minutes) and asked if the members had any questions or comments. Legislator Ronk said that he did not feel this was something the Legislature should be weighing in on, adding that the responsibility

to designate early voting poll sites is clearly required of the Commissioners by the Election Law. Chairman Donaldson commented that there was a deadline of the end of the month for the decision to be made or the county risks losing state funding. He added that the possible loss of funding is a justifiable reason for the Legislature to weigh in.

Legislator Rodriguez agreed with Chairman Donaldson that it was appropriate for the Legislature to weigh in. He added that he felt poll sites should be located in population centers such as Kingston and New Paltz. Legislator Ronk stated that he agreed there should be a poll site in Kingston, but said New Paltz did not necessarily best serve southern Ulster County. Commissioner Dittus advised the members that she would like to see a poll site in New Paltz, preferably at the SUNY campus, adding that all regular poll sites will be open on Election Day. Chairwoman Bartels expressed her support for locating a poll site in New Paltz, as well as Kingston and other population centers. She added that the Resolution was appropriate as a late because of the time sensitivity of the issue and funding at risk. Legislator Roberts stated that he did not feel the Legislators on the Committee or the members of the Legislature have sufficient time to evaluate all aspects of the question at hand, and agreed that the Commissioners are the appropriate people to be debating and making the decision of early voting locations. Legislator Heppner commented that he agreed with members of the committee that it was reasonable for the Legislature to weigh in on the impasse. He added that early voting sites should be based on population centers, voter turnout, and financial impact to taxpayers. He thanked Chairman Donaldson for bringing the Resolution forward. Deputy County Executive Rider stated that the April 30 Special Election was a contributing factor for the delay in deciding on early voting sites.

The members continued to discuss the pros and cons of various locations for early voting poll sites. Chairman Donaldson allowed for a brief period of public comment. The following members of the public spoke in support of the Resolution: Josh Honig, Maude Bruce, Gladys Figueroa, Otia Lee, Kevin Freeman, Jane Schanberg, Laura Ricci, Aaron Levine, Eli Duncan-Gillmore, Bill Clair.

Chairman Donaldson called the question.

Voting In Favor:	Legislators Bartels, Donaldson, Heppner & Rodriguez
Voting Against:	Legislators Roberts & Ronk
Votes in Favor:	4
Votes Against:	2
Disposition:	Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 281 of 2018: Establishing A Policy To Prohibit The Use Of Public Funds To Place The Likeness Or Name Of Elected Officials On All Promotional And Informational Signage On County Owned Property

Resolution Summary: This resolution establishes a policy that no County elected official shall appear by likeness, picture, or be named, or otherwise be identified or referenced on any promotional and informational signage on County owned property, where same is paid for or produced in whole or in part with public funds of any kind including grant funds.

Motion No. 7: **Resolution No. 281 of 2018 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion:

Legislator Ronk stated that the subcommittee hadn't met yet and suggested postponing the Resolution. Legislator Rodriguez asked who was on the subcommittee. Subcommittee members are Donaldson, Ronk and Heppner, schedule permitting. Chairman Donaldson said he would like to move forward with a vote on the Resolution. Chairwoman Bartels said she still had concerns with the term "informational signage" which was one of the items the Subcommittee was supposed to be discussing.

Motion No. 8: **Motion to POSTPONE Resolution No. 281 of 2018**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Roberts

Discussion:

Legislator Rodriguez encouraged the subcommittee to meet.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Donaldson, Heppner, Roberts, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED**

Resolution No. 329 of 2018: Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 13 Of 2018, Establishing The Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board And Providing For The Qualifications, Examination, Licensing And Regulation Of Electricians In Ulster County, New York

Resolution Summary: This Resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 13 Of 2018.

Motion No. 9: **Resolution No. 329 of 2018 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion:

Chairman Donaldson advised the members that the Executive's Office has issued a memo on the Proposed Law and asked if Deputy County Executive Rider had anything to add. Mr. Ridder advised the members that the Budget Department evaluated the law and determined that it was budget neutral. He added that they were requesting the effective date be changed to 2020 to enable the Executive to include funding for a position in the Department of Public Works to assist with implementation of the law. Legislator Rodriguez thanked the Deputy County Executive and County Executive for their support and stated that he would agree to amending the law to change the effective date, indicate the Department of Public Works as the oversight agency and reduce the Master Electrician license fee for residents of Ulster County to \$225. Legislator Roberts asked if the county might want to have the Department of Health oversee the licensing as is done in Rockland County. Legislator Ronk added that the Department of Health already has a Public Hearing Officer

in place. Mr. Rider stated that they would be open to that. Chairman Donaldson suggested moving forward with DPW, but recommended Mr. Rider keep the suggestion in mind. Legislator Ronk advised the members that the Public Hearing was held in July 2018 and stated that he would like to see another Public Hearing held. Legislator Rodriguez stated that the proposed changes were ministerial and the fee was being lowered. He added that he would be open to further amendments to the law after its implementation, but did not feel another Public Hearing was necessary.

Chairwoman Bartels asked if fees in surrounding counties were looked at. Legislator Rodriguez responded that the members evaluated fees from numerous counties. Legislator Ronk stated that he would like to see reciprocity which includes a fee waiver for Ulster County electricians already licensed in another county with a licensing law having comparable requirements. Legislator Rodriguez stated that he was open to amending the law in the future to include such a waiver. He added that the license renewal fee is less than the initial fee. Chairwoman Bartels suggested giving Ulster County businesses a discounted renewal fee as the current version charges the same renewal fee for everyone.

Motion No. 10: **Motion to AMEND Proposed Local Law No. 13 of 2018 to change the effective date to January 1, 2020, to indicate the Department of Public Works would oversee the licensing, and to reduce the Master Electrician license fee for residents of Ulster County to \$225.**

Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Donaldson, Heppner, Roberts, Rodriguez & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Amendments ADOPTED**

Motion No. 11: **Motion to ADOPT Resolution No. 329 of 2018 with Local Law as Amended**

Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Donaldson, Heppner, Roberts, Rodriguez & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED WITH LOCAL LAW AS AMENDED**

Resolution No. 473 of 2018: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 23 Of 2018, A Local Law Entitled “Ulster County Ethics Law”, To Be Held On Tuesday, June 18, 2019 At 7:10 PM

Resolution Summary: This resolution sets a public hearing for Tuesday, June 18, 2019 At 7:10 PM to allow the public to offer comments on Proposed Local Law Number 23 of 2018.

Motion No. 12: **Motion to POSTPONE Resolution No. 473 of 2018**

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion:

Legislator Ronk advised the members that they should have received a document with the Chairwoman’s comments in their meeting materials. He added that Minority Counsel is reviewing the comments and that he believed they were close to a compromise. He added that both he and Counselor Ragucci have reached out to the County Attorney for his opinion of whether he feels a referendum is required. Counselor Pascale added that they have discussed the matter at a Counsel’s meeting and he would follow up. Legislator

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Donaldson, Heppner, Roberts, Rodriguez & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED**

Resolution No. 120: Amending The Rules Of Order To Modify Resolution Deadline

Resolution Summary: This resolution requires resolutions be submitted to the Clerk of the Legislature twelve days in advance of the first Regular meeting date of Legislative Committees.

Motion No. 13: **Resolution No. 120 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion:

Chairman Donaldson stated that it was his understanding that the sponsors wanted to postpone the Resolution until the incoming County Executive had a chance to weigh in.

Motion No. 14: **Motion to POSTPONE Resolution No. 120**

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Donaldson, Heppner, Roberts, Rodriguez & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED**

Resolution No. 124: Setting a Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law 15 Of 2018 As Amended, (A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 2 Of 2006 (A Local Law Adopting A County Charter Form Of Government For the County Of Ulster, State Of New York) And Amending Local Law No. 10 Of 2008 (A Local Law Adopting An Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York), To Create Term Limits For Certain Ulster County Elected Officials, To Be Held On Tuesday, June 18, 2019 At 7:15 PM

Resolution Summary: This resolution sets a public hearing for Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 7:15 PM to allow the public to offer comments on Proposed Local Law Number 2 of 2019.

Motion No. 15: **Resolution No. 124 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion:
Legislator Ronk stated that a change to the time of the Public Hearing was requested by the Clerk of the Legislature.

Motion No. 16: **Motion to AMEND Resolution No. 124 to change the time of the Public Hearing to 7:00 PM**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Donaldson, Heppner, Roberts, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Amendment ADOPTED**

Motion No. 17: **Motion to AMEND Proposed Local Law No. 15 of 2018 As Amended to include all changes indicated in bold text as presented**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Donaldson, Heppner, Roberts, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Amendments ADOPTED

Motion No. 18: Motion to ADOPT Resolution No. 124 AS AMENDED with Local Law AS AMENDED

Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Donaldson, Heppner, Roberts, Rodriguez & Ronk

Voting Against: Legislator Donaldson

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 1

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED AS AMENDED WITH LOCAL LAW AS AMENDED

Resolution No. 180: Appointing Members To The Periodic Compensation Review Committee

Resolution Summary: This resolution appoints Diane Eynon and Louis Klein to the Periodic Compensation Review Committee

Motion No. 19: Motion to ADOPT Resolution No. 180

Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion:
The members complimented the choices.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Donaldson, Heppner, Roberts, Rodriguez & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Chairman Donaldson moved on to Old Business on the agenda.

Resolution No. 212 of 2018: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 16 Of 2018, A Local Law Regarding Campaign Finance Reform in Ulster County, To Be Held On Tuesday, March 12, 2019 At 6:00 PM

Resolution Summary: This resolution sets a public hearing for Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:00 PM to allow the public to offer comments on Proposed Local Law Number 16 of 2018.

Resolution No. 361 of 2018: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 21 Of 2018, A Local Law Regarding Campaign Finance Reform in Ulster County, To Be Held On Tuesday, March 12, 2019 At 6:00 PM

Resolution Summary: This resolution sets a public hearing for Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:00 PM to allow the public to offer comments on Proposed Local Law Number 21 of 2018.

Discussion:

Legislator Ronk advised the members that he felt they were making good progress in the subcommittee, adding that they were receiving input from a number of other groups such as the League of Women Voters, Ulster People and others. He informed the members that the subcommittee set a goal of the end of June to produce an amended copy of the law. Legislator Rodriguez concurred with Legislator Ronk on the progress of the subcommittee and thanked Legislative Staff for helping compile the subcommittee's work. Mr. Rider asked the members to share the compromise law with Jennifer Clark in the County Attorney's Office. Chairwoman Bartels asked that the compromise version also be provided to the entire Legislature. She added that she would share notes she made on a previous version of the law for the subcommittee to review and would attend a future meeting to discuss.

Disposition: **NO ACTION TAKEN**

Chairman Donaldson asked the members if there was any other business, and hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

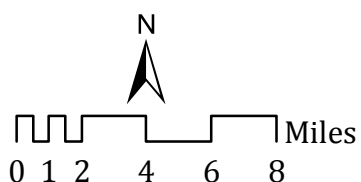
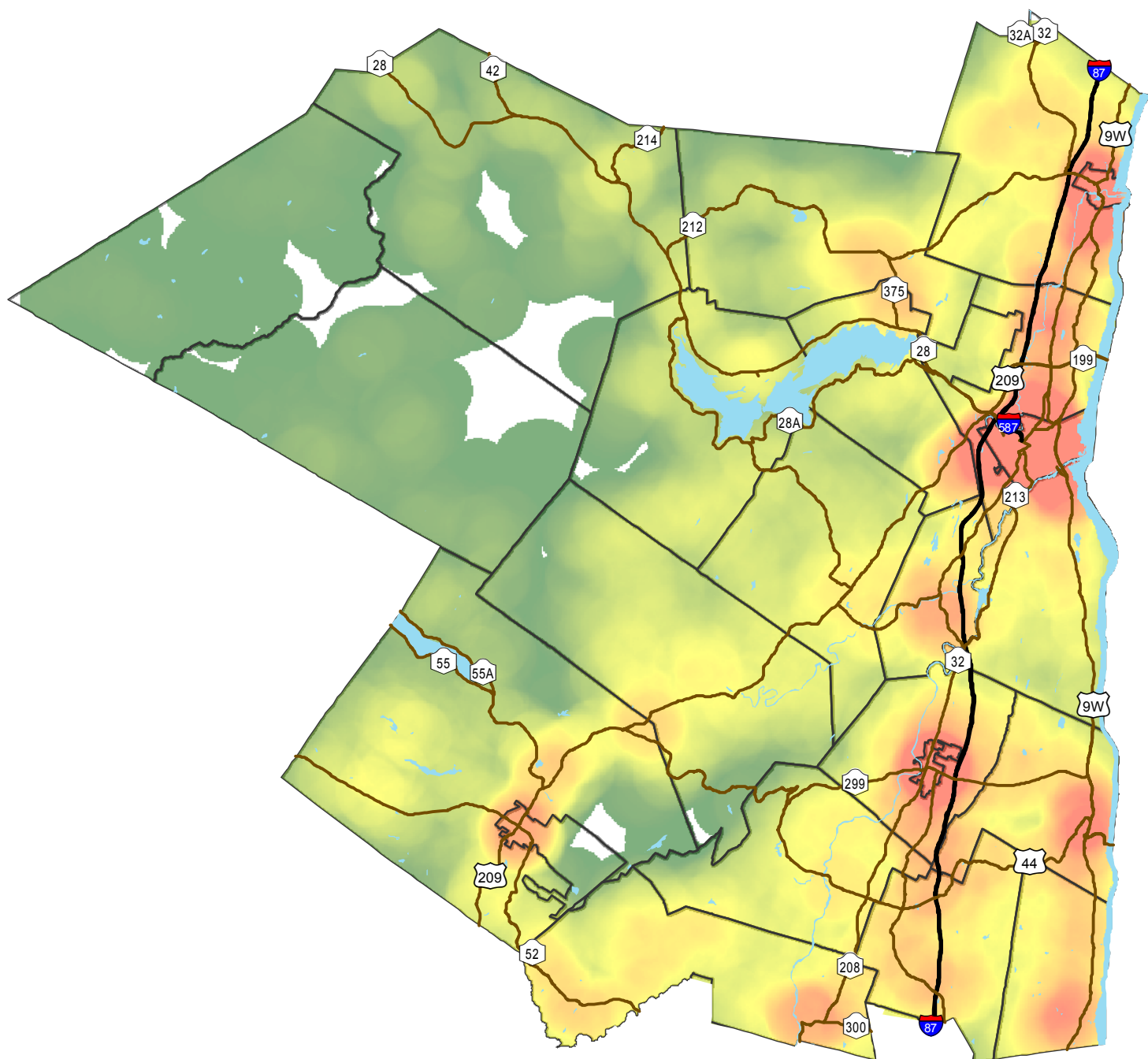
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved: June 17, 2019

Ulster County 2016 Population Density



Approximate Population Density per Square Mile
Over 3500 People per Sq. Mil.
Low : 0

Sources: 2016 ACS Census Data, Microsoft Building Footprints, Ulster County Planning

EARLY VOTING:

Hello Everyone.

Before we get into the Early Voting Poll Sites let us discuss Early Voting itself.

1. Early Voting **DOES NOT** replace Election Day. With all the **MISINFORMATION** being bantered about, and the panic created by this misinformation, questions are being asked about Election Day. November 5th will still be Election Day when the majority of voters will cast their ballots. Early Voting is just another method, like absentee voting, for voters to cast a ballot if they cannot get to the Polls.

2. Early Voting was implemented in hope of increasing **VOTER TURNOUT**. Thus, Early Voting is for **ALL VOTERS**, not just “pockets” of voters in certain areas.

3. Early Voting due to the resources required cannot be placed in every election district or Town thus they must be **STRATEGICALLY LOCATED** to serve all voters in UC.

4. The guidelines and definitions included in the Early Voting Statute take different meanings depending on the County involved. For example, one important term – **POPULATION CENTERS** – has a different meaning for Ulster County than it does for Counties containing major cities like Albany, Syracuse, Rochester, etc. The reference to **POPULATION CENTERS** are a reference to **VOTING POPULACE**, where **THE MAJORITY OF VOTERS** are located in your County. In Ulster County, believe it or not, **OUR VOTING POPULACE** is pretty evenly spread throughout the County. A second important term is **ACCESSIBILITY** – **how easy is the site to access for voters who are not part of that district**. We will discuss these two topics in greater detail when we discuss Early Voting Poll Sites. A third key term is “**TRANSPORTATION**”, fortunately all sites proposed are covered by our UCAT and City Bus System.

5. Early Voting Sites are the responsibility of the Commissioners at the Board of Elections.

EARLY VOTING POLL SITES:

Okay let's clear up the **MISINFORMATION**, and I use that politely – lol. I also recommend that if you are not familiar with Ulster County a map of the County would be good to reference. There is one attached to this email.

1. Population Centers, i.e. Voting Populace – let's address this issue first before we get into actual sites. Our three largest Voting Populations are the City of Kingston (12%), Saugerties (11%) and New Paltz (9 %). They **ONLY** encompass 32% of our voters. This is why we should look at “**REGIONS**” in the County as **VOTING POPULATION CENTERS SO OUR EARLY VOTING SITES BENEFIT THE GREATEST NUMBER OF VOTERS**.

2. On Monday, May 13th, the Commissioners met to discuss Early Voting Poll Sites. Ashley had a proposal with five sites while mine included 7 sites. The first site mentioned by Ashley was NP District 9 on the SUNY Campus. That site was established for SUNY NP members/students, not for outside voters. The District 9 boundaries were drawn to eliminate as many voters, if possible all the voters, residing outside the campus. Regardless of being offered designated parking spots this site is **NOT** easy to access for outside voters in New Paltz much less outside voters for a voting region. We did discuss the Saugerties Senior Center as an Early Voting Site however we both agreed, even though a great site, its location would probably limit its benefit to only Saugerties voters (11% or less of our voting populace). We decided the Woodstock Community Center would be a good site to serve the region encompassing Woodstock, western Saugerties, northern Hurley, Olive, and Shandaken. I mentioned a site in Wawarsing, Shawangunk Senior Center. It was decided that the site might be too small for a regional site. Ashley mentioned that the Accord F.H. Social Hall Site was interested in being an Early Voting Site. I agreed as it would better serve the region including Wawarsing, Rochester, Denning, Hardenburg, and Marbletown. It was agreed a site in Kingston needed to be found and two options were available however both needed to be researched as neither was an existing Poll Site. At this point, SUNY NP was brought up again and again I stated the problems with this Site and it is not one I would accept. I left the meeting to pursue my proposal as we could not get past the SUNY NP site and the meeting became non-productive.

3. We then communicated by email. I will forward them along with this document. As you can see Ashley's proposed sites have changed. There are now two sites I will not agree with, SUNY NP and the Village of Ellenville. We have discussed SUNY NP. The Ellenville site although an existing Poll Site does not benefit the "voting region". It will only serve Wawarsing and the Village of Ellenville (6%) of our voting populace thus why the Accord location mentioned earlier is a better site. Ashley's other change is the Saugerties Senior Center. Although an excellent site, as I mentioned earlier, we decided against it because of how it benefited the voting region. We have also been contacted by one of our existing sites in New Paltz, a better site than SUNY NP, as a possibility. We will have to see if it benefits the voting region. This leads to number 4.

4. We also need to remember we will be required to provide early voting for EVERY Election from here on out. Next year we have two definite elections (Presidential Primary and General Election) and a third (June Primary) very possible. We should try to remain consistent in our Early Voting Sites.

5. Funding: although we should be fine this year because of State Funding, the odds are Counties will be budgeting for Early Voting starting in 2020. I am betting the NYS will not provide any funding next year. I recommend we handle all our equipment purchases this year which will reduce future costs at least until replacements are needed. The County will still be responsible for staffing costs, delivery/retrieval of equipment, ballot paper, etc. for all future Early Voting.

6. As it stands today, I am open to another meeting as referenced twice in my emails. I am leaving on vacation Friday for two weeks. If we have not met to resolve the Early Voting Sites I will email my recommendations to the SBOE and request they allocate funding based on whatever sites Ashley and I have in common when she submits hers. Hopefully they will honor this request otherwise our Early Voting Funding may be allocated for only two sites which is all the Statute requires.

Fw: Early Voting.

Thomas Turco

Mon 5/20/2019 4:20 PM

To: Jay Mahler <jmah@co.ulster.ny.us>;

 1 attachments (16 KB)

EARLY VOTING.docx;

Good afternoon Jay.

I will not be able to make tonight's meeting. If you would please forward/share this email with the Committee it would be appreciated.

The attachment contains information and my thoughts on Early Voting.

After reading the Early Voting attachment the Committee can review my email correspondence below with Ashley if they would like - start at the bottom which is my first correspondence and work your way up. Print in "red" and "blue" are my responses to Ashley's questions/statements.

I presume there is a map available for anyone to reference in case they are not familiar with Ulster County.

Thank you.

Tom Turco
Commissioner of Elections
845-334-5425

From: Thomas Turco
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 12:01 PM
To: Ashley Dittus
Cc: Patty Jacobsen; Ernest Klepeis
Subject: Re: Early Voting.

Good morning.

There is nowhere written in early voting law that the poll sites selected as early voting centers need to be existing poll sites for the General Elections. To make that a criteria is putting a limitation on ourselves that need not exist nor is productive toward getting adequate sites for this purpose.

A slight misunderstanding here, I am not making existing Poll Sites a criteria however Early Voting Sites must meet the same criteria as our Poll Sites thus if we use our existing Poll Sites we know the Site qualifies. As mentioned in my prior email I am open to research/visit/etc. of STRIVE, and Esopus Town Hall, as they are offering a different room, to make sure they meet the requirements for an Early Voting Site.

The law however does state that we need to be mindful of existing population centers and to not have an Early Voting Center in the City of Kingston, the Town of New Paltz and the Town of Saugerties in your recommendations is not a plan that I will agree to. By not having sites in these towns we are effectively not serving the voters of Ulster County.

We disagree on the definition of "population centers". UC does not have a "major" population center - for example a City like Albany, Syracuse, Rochester, etc. The 3 you mention above - City of Kingston (12%), NEW (9%), and SAU (11%) - do not even equal a third of our voters. If we were putting Early Voting Sites in all or the majority of our Towns/City the three mentioned would definitely qualify. Until it becomes feasible to put Early Voting Centers in the majority of our Towns/City UC's voting population can be better described as "regional" thus why I offered the locations I did:

- Woodstock Community Center; serves the north and west "region, WOD, west SAU, SHA, OLI, north HUR.
- Russel Brott; serves KIN, ULS, rest of SAU, "northern" CKG, "northern" HUR.
- ESO Town Hall; serves "southern" CKG, ESO, "southern" ULS, "northern" ROS
- ROS Rec. Center; serves ROS, "mid - southern" HUR, MAR, "mid-northern" NEW, "western" ESO.
- Highland American Legion; serves LLO, MRL, "southern" ESO, "western" NEW.
- GAR Town Hall; serves GAR, "mid-southern" NEW, PLA, SHW.
- Accord F.H./Social Club; serves ROC, WAW, HAR, DEN,
- COB/our office, just to have another small site in CKG.

PS: I originally discussed the SAU Sr. Ctr. and we both agreed it would only serve SAU.

The town of Esopus serving the City of Kingston, the town of Gardiner serving New Paltz and the town of Ulster serving Saugerties is unreasonable given that we have been offered locations within the boundaries of the City and these two towns, the three largest municipalities in the County. Chris Marks from STRIVE is securing a room for us and we should visit, we should have more discussions with Saugerties for those two sites,

See above.

SUNY New Paltz has committed to giving us a site and we should use it, again to abandon that site is a mistake. Regardless of your motivation for dismissing the college, the voters from that town have begun to speak out on this issue, as you can see from the numerous emails we received in the span of 24 hours.

Again, SUNY NP is NOT a good site regardless of what they offer. It was a site developed specifically for the SUNY Campus - not the rest of NP or the "region".

We should also be considering a site in Ellenville in addition to or instead of the Rochester prospect.

Originally I was looking more toward WAW instead of ROC so I would be willing to discuss however we must keep in mind what serves the "region" most efficiently.

Let me know if you want to set another meeting.

Thank you.

Tom Turco
Commissioner of Elections
845-334-5425

From: Ashley Dittus
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 4:53 PM
To: Thomas Turco
Cc: Patty Jacobsen; Ernest Klepeis
Subject: RE: Early Voting.

Tom,

There is nowhere written in early voting law that the poll sites selected as early voting centers need to be existing poll sites for the General Elections. To make that a criteria is putting a limitation on ourselves that need not exist nor is productive toward getting adequate sites for this purpose. The law however does state that we need to be mindful of existing population centers and to not have an Early Voting Center in the City of Kingston, the Town of New Paltz and the Town of Saugerties in your recommendations is not a plan that I will agree to. By not having sites in these towns we are effectively not serving the voters of Ulster County. The town of Esopus serving the City of Kingston, the town of Gardiner serving New Paltz and the town of Ulster serving Saugerties is unreasonable given that we have been offered locations within the boundaries of the City and these two towns, the three largest municipalities in the County. Chris Marks from STRIVE is securing a room for us and we should visit, we should have more discussions with Saugerties for those two sites, SUNY New Paltz has committed to giving us a site and we should use it, again to abandon that site is a mistake. Regardless of your motivation for dismissing the college, the voters from that town have begun to speak out on this issue, as you can see from the numerous emails we received in the span of 24 hours. We should also be considering a site in Ellenville in addition to or instead of the Rochester prospect.

I'm more than happy to meet in hopes of selecting the most equitable sites for the voters but I am concerned that your dictated constraints on our decision making process will not allow for honest discourse.

-A

From: Thomas Turco
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 12:09 PM
To: Ashley Dittus <adit@co.ulster.ny.us>
Cc: Patty Jacobsen <pjck@co.ulster.ny.us>; Ernest Klepeis <ekle@co.ulster.ny.us>
Subject: Re: Early Voting.

Good afternoon.

A. *Deadline for designating sites* - May 1st, as you know we are out of compliance and should correct this as soon as possible. Funding applications are due no later than May 29th and are predicated on the designation of the sites.

Aware of the deadline date - spoke with the SBOE informing them we are behind due to our Special Election and we were shooting for the end of last week to have our information to them. They understood our dilemma.

B. Minimum number of early voting sites - If the number of voters in the county is equal to or more than 100,000 and less than or equal to 149,999 the county must have at least two early voting sites. However, the Board of Elections may designate more early voting sites than the minimum number required for the convenience of voters. All sites must be open for voting for the sixty hours required by EL 8-600, but the Board may expand the hours the early voting sites are open beyond the statutory minimums.

I do not believe we have a problem here.

C. Standards for Early Voting Site Designation - Adequate and equitable access. Early voting sites shall be located so that voters in each county have adequate and equitable access to early voting, and such sites shall comply with the provisions of the Election Law related to poll sites and accessibility for voters with physical disabilities. A polling place accessibility survey shall be completed, filed and updated for each early voting site as required by Part 6206.

The board of elections shall consider, in totality, the following factors when designating each early voting site; population density, travel time to the early voting location from the voter place of residence; proximity of early voting site to other early voting sites; whether the early voting site is on or near public transportation routes; commuter traffic patterns; any other factors the board of elections deem appropriate.

With the above being said and on the topic of the number of sites we operate; I agree that we need more than the required two early voting centers as our county is geographically one of the largest in the State. I can agree to 7 sites as you have suggested but I am also open to more as well. With the use of electronic poll book and ballot on demand printers, we can allow all 117,000 voters access to any of the sites we open. My plan is based on access to our major population pockets based on their proximity to the UCAT bus line and centers of commerce where voters are most likely to pass during the course of the average voters typical 9 day week. Also factored in are places that will allow us to have adequate connectivity to the internet so that we can ensure we abide by all of the canvassing and security requirements detailed in the law.

This is about the voters in the ENTIRE County and early voting sites should be our current Poll Sites unless that is not possible for some reason.

1. City of Kingston - STRIVE Campus & BOE office – STRIVE located in midtown at 94 Mary's Avenue is available and eager to be an early voting location. Wifi enabled, 100% accessible, located on the bus route, offers a lot of parking and has security on site. STRIVE has offered a secure room which can be locked. This site is ideal for the City of Kingston as it is in close proximity to the Hospital, High School and City Hall. This site will be given to us at no cost to the Board.

STRIVE's site is preferable to Esopus town hall and they are in too close of proximity to one another to justify the Esopus site. If we were doing more than 7 sites it would be on my list. STRIVE would eliminate the need for the COB in Kingston, I think it will be a better fit for our needs. After speaking with Marc Rider about the COB it is probably too busy for our needs. To have an uptown location in addition to STRIVE we should have our own office serve as a site.

STRIVE is not one of our current Poll Sites so would have to research. Town Hall in Esopus is offered because it is one of our current locations that can also serve the City of Kingston. It would also need research since it would be in a different room. COB I agree is not practical.

2. Saugerties - Fred Costello has offered use of either the Senior Center Lobby or Town Hall Lobby - Saugerties is the second largest town in Ulster County and for that reason, as well as its proximity to the NYS Thruway and commercial centers it should be the location of an early voting center. The two offered sites have Wifi, storage availability for securing equipment, are accessible, are located on public transportation routes, and both also have

good parking. Either of the locations offered by Saugerties would come at no cost to the Board. Either would be located in areas where many voters in the town frequent.

Saugerties Senior Center was one of my first offerings however we both agreed that do to location it only would serve voters in Saugerties thus why we went with the Woodstock Community Center and why I offered Russel Brott in the Town of Ulster. Unfortunately we cannot put early voting in every Town so we have to consider what serves the voters in the County best, not just individual Towns.

3. New Paltz - SUNY New Paltz SUB Building - New Paltz is the third largest municipality in Ulster County, is a major center of commerce, connects to more lines of public transportation than any township in the County and like Saugerties and Kingston is the most trafficked town in its region. The College has offered space in the SUB Building with guaranteed designated early voting parking spaces, a secure room that locks, is 100% accessible, wifi enabled and also is being offered to us at no cost to the Board.

Regarding Rosendale and Gardiner, your two suggested sites. I believe the use of this New Paltz site eliminates the need for them entirely and frees the Board to select sites elsewhere that would be of better service, like Saugerties and Kingston. Rosendale and Gardiner surround New Paltz yet their combined enrollment is less than the total New Paltz Enrollment; 8188 (ROS and GAR) vs 9,904 (NEW). As you stated Gardiner has a conflict with the times that you have proposed. I am not willing to concede to different times for different sites, they all need to be uniform and consistent County-wide. Rosendale and Gardiner, while continuing to serve as great General Election sites do not rise to the same level of commerce activity as New Paltz, nor do they have the same proximity to roadways and public transportation. You should reconsider your position of excluding SUNY as an early voting center as there is no reasonable excuse for rejecting this compelling and generous offer. To not have a site in New Paltz is a great disservice to the voters of Ulster County.

SUNY is not a good location regardless of what has been offered. As mentioned above re Saugerties (second largest Town in County) Early Voting is NOT about one Town, it is about the entire County Voting Populace. Rosendale and Gardiner provide much better sites with easier access. Also with your suggested change due to Halloween on Thursday the issue at Gardiner Town Hall can be eliminated. I am open to discuss another site in New Paltz, as I mentioned yesterday, however I do not agree with eliminating Rosendale and Gardiner.

4. Town of Ulster - Russell Brott Senior Center - I am happy to hear they are fully available for early voting as they are centrally located to the commerce hub in Ulster as well as being on the 209 corridor. My questions is whether they are wifi enabled and will be providing us a secure room. And if there is a cost associated with use.

WiFi is not an issue here. Re security, as long as we are comfortable with the secure setting we do not need separate rooms to lock our equipment in.

5. Woodstock Community Center - I hope there is no conflict with the Saturday date, otherwise it sounds good. Questions similar re ; wifi? Security? Cost?

Even if that Saturday needs adjusting and as much as we would like to be consistent at each site re times I am not opposed to minor time adjustments for individual locations if needed. All sites I contacted have wifi access and we can secure our equipment. Only Accord mentioned a cost. However I am not adverse to paying for a good site.

6. Rochester FH Social Room or we explore more options in the southern Ulster-209 corridor. As long as the site is on 209 south of Marbletown and conforms to all of the constraints we should consider it.

After contacting the Fire District yesterday this Social Room is with the Accord FH on 22 Main St. which works for me.

7. Highland American Legion Hall could potentially work, I have the same questions regarding wifi/security/cost

It has Wifi and we can secure our equipment. Probably a cost however a cost was mentioned by Accord FH also so I am ok with that plus we need a site along that "east-south corridor".

Hours of Early Voting

I suggest we do not have Halloween hours until 8pm, shifting the two late nights to Monday and Wednesday.

10/26 - Saturday - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
10/27 - Sunday - five consecutive hours between 10 AM and 4:00 PM
10/28 - Monday - 12-8
10/29 - Tuesday - 9-5
10/30 - Wednesday - 12-8
10/31 - Thursday - 9-5 (HALLOWEEN)
11/1 - Friday - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
11/2 - Saturday - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
11/3 - Sunday - five consecutive hours between 10 AM and 4:00 PM

Re above I used Tuesday and Thursday noon to 9:00 because we will have office hours those evenings. If we are changing because of Halloween I would suggest Monday and Tuesday for all or at least Gardiner.

I also reached out to Gio at Dominion. On Demand Ballot costs: \$8500 per unit with cart and UPS; \$5000 per unit without. If 7 locations estimated cost \$35,000 - 59,500. State Aid \$30,000 per site - \$210,000 for 7 sites. We also should see if Shoebox funds are available for use - I do not see why they would not be.

Should we plan another meeting?

From: Thomas Turco <ttur@co.ulster.ny.us>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 3:05 PM
To: Ashley Dittus <adit@co.ulster.ny.us>
Cc: Patty Jacobsen <pjck@co.ulster.ny.us>; Ernest Klepeis <ekle@co.ulster.ny.us>
Subject: Early Voting.

I have reached out to the following locations as possible early voting sites. The tentative hours I provided are as follows and I did mention we have some flexibility re times:

10/26 - Saturday - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
10/27 - Sunday - five consecutive hours between 10 AM and 4:00 PM
10/28 - Monday - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
10/29 - Tuesday - Noon - 8:00 PM
10/30 - Wednesday - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
10/31 - Thursday - noon - 8:00 PM
11/1 - Friday - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
11/2 - Saturday - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
11/3 - Sunday - five consecutive hours between 10 AM and 4:00 PM

Woodstock Community Center:

They have reserved all dates and times for us. Only possible conflict is a Family of Woodstock event on Saturday, 11/2, however they will check the specifics and get back to us.

Rosendale Recreation Center:

They have reserved all dates and times for us - no conflicts.

Gardiner Town Hall:

They have reserved all times for us however there is one conflict - our second Noon - 8:00 PM requirement. Since they have court on Wednesday, 10/30, and Thursday, 10/31, night they asked if we could use Monday, 10/28 or Friday, 11/1, as our second Noon to 8:00 PM requirement. I do not see that as a problem.

Accord Firehouse:

Has to be reviewed with the Fire Commissioners however they do not feel any of the dates/times should be a problem.

Esopus Town Hall:

They recommend we use the Tax Collector's Office as the downstairs/poll site area is busy during the week. The Tax Collector's Office is closed that time of year so it is available. They welcome us to come and take a look whenever we are available.

Russell Brott Senior Center:

They have reserved all dates and times for us - no conflicts.

Highland American Legion Hall:

Has to be reviewed with the Board however they do not feel any of the dates/times should be a problem.

If we add the site at the COB it will give us 7 sites county wide providing plenty of options for all voters as well as reducing our space needs at each site since the "voter representation number" will be reduced.

Let me know if you are interested in discussing.

Thank you.

Tom Turco
Commissioner of Elections
845-334-5425

Tom Turco
Commissioner of Elections
845-334-5425

From: Ashley Dittus
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 9:20 AM
To: Thomas Turco
Cc: Patty Jacobsen; Ernest Klepeis
Subject: RE: Early Voting.

Tom,

Thank you for putting together some of your thoughts regarding early voting. To be clear, I feel we could have been more productive if you hadn't decided to leave our meeting abruptly yesterday morning.

Now as far as Early voting is concerned. If you read the document that was sent to us by the SBOE called "Part 6211-Early Voting Regulations" you will learn of the requirements that we, by law, are bound to follow. I'll cite the ones that pertain to the Ulster BOE specifically as it pertains to location selection:

A. Deadline for designating sites - May 1st, as you know we are out of compliance and should correct this as soon as possible. Funding applications are due no later than May 29th and are predicated on the designation of the sites.

B. Minimum number of early voting sites - If the number of voters in the county is equal to or more than 100,000 and less than or equal to 149,999 the county must have at least two early voting sites. However, the Board of Elections may designate more early voting sites than the minimum number required for the convenience of voters. All sites must be open for voting for the sixty hours required by EL 8-600, but the Board may expand the hours the early voting sites are open beyond the statutory minimums.

C. Standards for Early Voting Site Designation - Adequate and equitable access. Early voting sites shall be located so that voters in each county have adequate and equitable access to early voting, and such sites shall comply with the provisions of the Election Law related to poll sites and accessibility for voters with physical disabilities. A polling place accessibility survey shall be completed, filed and updated for each early voting site as required by Part 6206.

The board of elections shall consider, in totality, the following factors when designating each early voting site; population density, travel time to the early voting location from the voter place of residence; proximity of early voting site to other early voting sites; whether the early voting site is on or near public transportation routes; commuter traffic patterns; any other factors the board of elections deem appropriate.

With the above being said and on the topic of the number of sites we operate; I agree that we need more than the required two early voting centers as our county is geographically one of the largest in the State. I can agree to 7 sites as you have suggested but I am also open to more as well. With the use of electronic poll book and ballot on demand printers, we can allow all 117,000 voters access to any of the sites we open. My plan is based on access to our major population pockets based on their proximity to the UCAT bus line and centers of commerce where voters are most likely to pass during the course of the average voters typical 9 day week. Also factored in are places that will allow us to have adequate connectivity to the internet so that we can ensure we abide by all of the canvassing and security requirements detailed in the law.

1. City of Kingston - STRIVE Campus & BOE office – STRIVE located in midtown at 94 Mary's Avenue is available and eager to be an early voting location. Wifi enabled, 100% accessible, located on the bus route, offers a lot of parking and has security on site. STRIVE has offered a secure room which can be locked. This site is ideal for the City of Kingston as it is in close proximity to the Hospital, High School and City Hall. This site will be given to us at no cost to the Board.

STRIVE's site is preferable to Esopus town hall and they are in too close of proximity to one another to justify the Esopus site. If we were doing more than 7 sites it would be on my list. STRIVE would eliminate the need for the COB in Kingston, I think it will be a better fit for our needs. After speaking with Marc Rider about the COB it is probably too busy for our needs. To have an uptown location in addition to STRIVE we should have our own office serve as a site.

2. Saugerties - Fred Costello has offered use of either the Senior Center Lobby or Town Hall Lobby - Saugerties is the second largest town in Ulster County and for that reason, as well as its proximity to the NYS Thruway and commercial centers it should be the location of an early voting center. The two offered sites have Wifi, storage

availability for securing equipment, are accessible, are located on public transportation routes, and both also have good parking. Either of the locations offered by Saugerties would come at no cost to the Board. Either would be located in areas where many voters in the town frequent.

3. New Paltz - SUNY New Paltz SUB Building - New Paltz is the third largest municipality in Ulster County, is a major center of commerce, connects to more lines of public transportation than any township in the County and like Saugerties and Kingston is the most trafficked town in its region. The College has offered space in the SUB Building with guaranteed designated early voting parking spaces, a secure room that locks, is 100% accessible, wifi enabled and also is being offered to us at no cost to the Board.

Regarding Rosendale and Gardiner, your two suggested sites. I believe the use of this New Paltz site eliminates the need for them entirely and frees the Board to select sites elsewhere that would be of better service, like Saugerties and Kingston. Rosendale and Gardiner surround New Paltz yet their combined enrollment is less than the total New Paltz Enrollment; 8188 (ROS and GAR) vs 9,904 (NEW). As you stated Gardiner has a conflict with the times that you have proposed. I am not willing to concede to different times for different sites, they all need to be uniform and consistent County-wide. Rosendale and Gardiner, while continuing to serve as great General Election sites do not rise to the same level of commerce activity as New Paltz, nor do they have the same proximity to roadways and public transportation. You should reconsider your position of excluding SUNY as an early voting center as there is no reasonable excuse for rejecting this compelling and generous offer. To not have a site in New Paltz is a great disservice to the voters of Ulster County.

4. Town of Ulster - Russell Brott Senior Center - I am happy to hear they are fully available for early voting as they are centrally located to the commerce hub in Ulster as well as being on the 209 corridor. My questions is whether they are wifi enabled and will be providing us a secure room. And if there is a cost associated with use.

5. Woodstock Community Center - I hope there is no conflict with the Saturday date, otherwise it sounds good. Questions similar re ; wifi? Security? Cost?

6. Rochester FH Social Room or we explore more options in the southern Ulster-209 corridor. As long as the site is on 209 south of Marletown and conforms to all of the constraints we should consider it.

7. Highland American Legion Hall could potentially work, I have the same questions regarding wifi/security/cost

Hours of Early Voting

I suggest we do not have Halloween hours until 8pm, shifting the two late nights to Monday and Wednesday.

10/26 - Saturday - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

10/27 - Sunday - five consecutive hours between 10 AM and 4:00 PM

10/28 - Monday - 12-8

10/29 - Tuesday - 9-5

10/30 - Wednesday - 12-8

10/31 - Thursday - 9-5 (HALLOWEEN)

11/1 - Friday - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

11/2 - Saturday - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

11/3 - Sunday - five consecutive hours between 10 AM and 4:00 PM

-Ashley

From: Thomas Turco <ttur@co.ulster.ny.us>

Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 3:05 PM

To: Ashley Dittus <adit@co.ulster.ny.us>

Cc: Patty Jacobsen <pjck@co.ulster.ny.us>; Ernest Klepeis <ekle@co.ulster.ny.us>

Subject: Early Voting.

I have reached out to the following locations as possible early voting sites. The tentative hours I provided are as follows and I did mention we have some flexibility re times:

10/26 - Saturday - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

10/27 - Sunday - five consecutive hours between 10 AM and 4:00 PM

10/28 - Monday - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

10/29 - Tuesday - Noon - 8:00 PM

10/30 - Wednesday - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

10/31 - Thursday - noon - 8:00 PM

11/1 - Friday - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

11/2 - Saturday - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

11/3 - Sunday - five consecutive hours between 10 AM and 4:00 PM

Woodstock Community Center:

They have reserved all dates and times for us. Only possible conflict is a Family of Woodstock event on Saturday, 11/2, however they will check the specifics and get back to us.

Rosendale Recreation Center:

They have reserved all dates and times for us - no conflicts.

Gardiner Town Hall:

They have reserved all times for us however there is one conflict - our second Noon - 8:00 PM requirement. Since they have court on Wednesday, 10/30, and Thursday, 10/31, night they asked if we could use Monday, 10/28 or Friday, 11/1, as our second Noon to 8:00 PM requirement. I do not see that as a problem.

Accord Firehouse:

Has to be reviewed with the Fire Commissioners however they do not feel any of the dates/times should be a problem.

Esopus Town Hall:

They recommend we use the Tax Collector's Office as the downstairs/poll site area is busy during the week. The Tax Collector's Office is closed that time of year so it is available. They welcome us to come and take a look whenever we are available.

Russell Brott Senior Center:

They have reserved all dates and times for us - no conflicts.

Highland American Legion Hall:

Has to be reviewed with the Board however they do not feel any of the dates/times should be a problem.

If we add the site at the COB it will give us 7 sites county wide providing plenty of options for all voters as well as reducing our space needs at each site since the "voter representation number" will be reduced.

Let me know if you are interested in discussing.

Thank you.

5/20/2019

Mail - jmah@co.ulster.ny.us

Tom Turco
Commissioner of Elections
845-334-5425

A new Part 6211 is added to read as follows:

PART 6211- Early Voting Regulations

6211.1 Early Voting Site Designations

(a) *Deadline for Early Voting Site Designations.* By May first of each year, the board of elections shall designate early voting sites for the general election held in such year. Early voting sites for primaries and special elections shall be designated no later than forty-five days before such an election.

(b) *Minimum Number of Early Voting Sites*

(1) For a General Election, the board of elections shall designate at least the number of early voting sites required by this Part, based on the number of registered voters in each county, including voters in active and inactive status as of February 1, as follows:

(i) If the number of voters in the county is less than 99,999, the county must have at least one early voting site.

(ii) If the number of voters in the county is equal to or more than 100,000 and less than or equal to 149,999, the county must have at least two early voting sites.

(iii) If the number of voters in the county is equal to or more than 150,000 and less than or equal to 199,999, the county must have at least three early voting sites.

(iv) If the number of voters in the county is equal to or more than 200,000 and less than or equal to 249,999, the county must have at least four early voting sites.

(v) If the number of voters in the county is equal to or more than 250,000 and less than or equal to 299,999, the county must have at least five early voting sites.

(vi) If the number of voters in the county is equal to or more than 300,000 and less than or equal to 349,999, the county must have at least six early voting sites.

(vii) If the number of voters in the county is equal to or more than 350,000, the county must have at least seven early voting sites.

(2) For a primary election or special election, the minimum number of early voting sites shall be based on the number of voters eligible to participate in the election pursuant to subparagraph 1 of this subdivision, unless the board of elections adopts a resolution determining that a lesser number of early voting sites is sufficient to meet the needs of early voters. Such resolution shall state the basis of such determination and shall specify how the board of elections will monitor voter wait times at early voting sites and ensure compliance with 6210.19 (d) throughout the period of early voting.

(3) The board of elections may designate more early voting sites than the minimum number required for the convenience of voters.

(4) All sites must be open for voting for the sixty-hours required by Election Law 8-600, but the board of elections may expand the hours the early voting sites are open beyond the statutory minimums.

(c) *Standards For Early Voting Site Designation*

(1) Adequate and Equitable Access. Early voting sites shall be located so that voters in each county have adequate and equitable access to early voting, and such sites shall comply with the provisions of the Election Law related to poll sites and accessibility for voters with physical disabilities. A polling place accessibility survey shall be completed, filed and updated for each early voting site as required by Part 6206.

(2) The board of elections shall consider, in totality, the following factors when designating early voting sites:

(i) population density;

(ii) travel time to the early voting location from the voter's place of residence;

(iii) proximity of an early voting site to other early voting sites;

(iv) whether the early voting site is on or near public transportation routes;

(vi) commuter traffic patterns;

(vii) any other factors the board of elections deems appropriate.

6211.2 Canvass of Ballots Cast During Early Voting.

- (a) All ballots cast during early voting period, by any method allowed under law, shall be canvassed and counted as if cast on Election Day. At the end of each day of early voting, all voted and unvoted ballots shall be reconciled and returned to the board of elections or otherwise secured pursuant to a plan approved by the state board at least sixty days before the first election at which such plan shall be applicable. Such plan submitted by the commissioners of a board of elections shall be approved or rejected by the co-executive directors of the state board no later than two weeks after receipt.
- (b) The manner of canvassing the voting machines used at early voting and announcing the results shall be consistent with section 8-600 of the election law and in the same manner as provided by title one of article 9 of the election law and the procedures of the state board of elections, except that the canvass of ballots cast during the early voting period may begin no earlier than at eight o'clock p.m. on Election Day, provided the board of elections adopts procedures to prevent the public release of any election results prior to the close of polls on election day. Such procedures must be consistent with the regulations of the state board of elections and must be filed with the state board of elections at least thirty days before any early voting period for an election to which they will apply. To

prevent the premature release of voting results prior to the close of all polls on Election Day, all persons lawfully present at the canvass of ballots cast during early voting period shall remain incommunicado with all persons outside of the place of canvass and shall remain at the room or area of the canvass once the canvass has begun, absent exigency or a board of elections purpose that requires leaving the canvass room or area, until at least the close of polls on the day of election.

6211.3 Ballots Cast When Scanner Unavailable During the Early Voting Period.

At the end of each day of early voting, those ballots which were not scanned because a scanner was not available or because the ballot was abandoned at the ballot scanner, shall, if a scanner is then available, be scanned by the election inspectors as provided for by Election Law § 9-110. Any ballots that are unscannable because it is rejected by the scanner or because of an overvote or wholly blank vote warning provided by the ballot scanner, shall be secured in the manner applicable to voted ballots on election day and shall remain unexamined until the time of canvass on the day of the election, at which time they shall be examined as provided for in Election Law § 9-110 and duly canvassed. Such ballots shall be reconciled as required by the procedures of the state board and must be held inviolate until the time of canvass on election day under tamper evident seal and lock and key.

6211.4 Affidavit Ballots Cast During Early Voting.

Affidavit ballots cast during early voting shall be accounted for in the manner of affidavit ballots cast on election day. Boards of elections shall complete the bi-partisan review of the affidavits to determine the eligibility of such voter prior to the canvass of affidavit ballots cast during the early voting period, in the same manner as for affidavit ballots submitted on election day. Until the time of canvassing, affidavit ballot envelopes shall be secured, when not in bipartisan custody for processing and researching, under tamper evident seal and lock and key as required by the procedures of the state board.

6211.5 Privacy of Voting.

To ensure an efficient and fair early voting process that respects the privacy of the voter, the manner of voting on days of the early voting period shall be the same as the manner of voting on the day of election.

6211.6 Voter History and Prevention of Duplicate Voting.

(a) During the early voting period, the voting history record for each voter shall be continually updated to reflect that a voter has voted early. A record indicating a voter has voted during the early voting period shall be available to poll workers at every early voting site at which a voter is eligible to vote in near real time. In such instance where a voter is only eligible to vote at

one early voting site, the single poll book at such site for such voter may serve as the continually updated record of voter history throughout the early voting period.

(b) By Election Day, the voting history record of each voter who has cast a ballot during the early voting period shall be entered into the voter registration system of the board of elections. Such voting history shall be included in the voter registration poll record that is used on Election Day to determine the eligibility of voters. Such Election Day record must differentiate voters who voted early from those who appeared to vote on the day of election and shall record on which day of early voting each early voter voted.

(c) Any voter who the board of elections has identified as having voted during the early voting period shall not be eligible to vote on Election Day, except such voter shall be entitled to complete an affidavit ballot if such voter claims not to have voted early. Such affidavit shall be marked as such.

(d) No later than the second business day after Election Day, the voting history record of each voter who has cast a ballot on Election Day shall be entered into the voter registration system of the board of elections.

(e) Not later than the second business day after Election Day, the voter history for election day voters and early voters shall be uploaded to the statewide voter registration list.

(f) Not later than two days after an election by five o'clock p.m. on such day, the board of elections shall prepare a list, in the format specified by the state board of elections, of all persons who submitted an affidavit ballot. Such list shall include the voter's name, address, prior address, if provided, and date of birth stated on the affidavit envelope. Such list shall be provided to the state board of elections which shall provide a combined list of all affidavit ballots submitted statewide to the boards of elections.

(g) No later than seven businesses days after the completion of the canvass, the voting history record of each voter who has cast an absentee, military, special or federal ballot on Election Day or who has cast an affidavit ballot during early voting or on Election Day shall be entered into the voter registration system of the board of elections and the statewide voter registration list.

(h) Boards of elections shall provide information regarding voter registration records or voting records in their custody to other boards of elections, upon request, as soon as reasonably practicable.

(i) The board of elections, as required by Election Law § 8-600 (1), shall establish procedures to ensure that persons who vote during early voting shall not be permitted to vote subsequently in the same election. Such procedures shall remain in effect until amended by the board of elections and shall be filed with the state board of elections on or before the sixtieth day preceding the first day of the early voting period. Such procedures shall be

approved or rejected by the co-executive directors of the state board of elections within one week of filing. If such procedures are rejected, notice shall be provided to the board of elections of the reasons therefor. The board of elections shall then have three business days to amend their procedures and resubmit the same to the state board of elections for approval.

(j) Boards of elections shall provide to the state board, in the manner specified by the state board, the number of voters who vote early on each day of early voting by the next business day after such day of early voting.

6211.7 Early Voting Communications Plan.

(a) *Early Voting Information.* The board of elections shall provide at least the following information to media outlets within the county:

(i) The location of early voting sites and their dates and hours of operation;

(ii) A statement that all early voting sites are accessible to voters with physical disabilities;

(iii) A clear statement that if a voter casts a ballot during early voting the voter will not be allowed to vote on election day or on a subsequent day of early voting;

(iv) If early voting sites are specific to particular cities, towns or other political subdivisions, a statement describing the area served by each early voting site.

(b) *Communications Outreach.* County board of elections may also provide early voting information by using social media venues and any other communication mechanisms, including but not limited to broadcast advertisements, direct mail or newspaper advertisements. The board of elections communications plan shall identify the community based groups that were involved in the development of the plan or were provided early voting information.

(c) *Filing Communications Plan With State Board of Elections.* The board of elections shall annually file a copy of the communications plan on or before June 1, except in the first year of early voting, on or before the first day of July.

Section 6210.19 is amended as follows:

§ 6210.19 Minimum number of voting machines

(a) The purpose of these determinations is to establish the minimum number of required voting machines and privacy booths needed for each polling place based upon **whether the voting system is used on election day or for the early voting period, and [,]** the type of voting system and the number of registered voters (excluding voters in inactive status) assigned to use that specific voting device in accordance with NYS Election Law, sections 7-200, **[and] 7-203 and 8-600.**

(b) [Determinations by type of voting system.] Minimum Number of Voting Machines For Election Day Polling Sites

(1) Direct recording electronic voting systems.

(i) There shall be at least one direct recording electronic voting device for every 550 registered voters (excluding voters in inactive status) **[at the] assigned to a** polling place.

(2) Precinct based optical scan voting systems.

(i) There shall be at least one scanning device for every 4,000 registered voters (excluding voters in inactive status) **[at the] assigned to a** polling place.

(ii) Privacy booths:

(a) there shall be at least one privacy booth for every 300 registered voters (excluding voters in inactive status), except that in a general election for

governor, or at elections at which electors for President of the United States are selected there shall be at least one privacy booth for every 250 registered voters (excluding voters in inactive status);

(b) at polling places that accommodate more than 6,000 registered voters (excluding voters in inactive status), there shall be one privacy booth for every 350 registered voters (excluding voters in inactive status) in a general election for governor, or at elections at which electors for President of the United States shall be selected; and one privacy booth for every 400 active voters in all other elections; and

(c) a sufficient number of the privacy booths must be accessible to voters with disabilities.

(c) Minimum Number of Voting Machines for the Early Voting Period

(1) Direct recording electronic voting systems.

(i) There shall be at least one direct recording electronic voting device for every 3,000 registered voters (excluding voters in inactive status) assigned to the early voting period polling place; provided, however, no early voting site shall have less than two direct recording electronic device.

(2) Precinct based optical scan voting systems.

(i) There shall be at least one scanning device for every 25,000 registered voters (excluding voters in inactive status) assigned to the early voting polling place; provided, however, no early voting site shall have less than two optical scanners.

(ii) Privacy booths:

(a) there shall be at least one privacy booth for every 4,200 registered voters (excluding voters in inactive status), except that in a general election for governor, or at elections at which electors for President of the United States are selected there shall be at least one privacy booth for every 3,600 registered voters (excluding voters in inactive status);

(b) a sufficient number of the privacy booths must be accessible to voters with disabilities.

(d) Obligations of the county boards of elections.

(1) County boards shall deploy sufficient voting equipment, election workers and other resources so that voter waiting time at a poll site does not exceed 30 minutes. Each county board of elections may increase in a non-discriminatory manner, the number of voting devices used in any specific polling place. **If the voter waiting time at an early voting site exceeds thirty minutes the board of elections shall deploy such additional voting equipment, election workers and other resources necessary to reduce the wait time to less than thirty minutes as soon as possible but no later than the beginning of the next day of early voting.**

(2) The inspectors in each election district **and at each early voting site** shall record the number of persons using audio, tactile or pneumatic switch ballot devices. The county board of elections shall furnish additional voting machines equipped with audio, tactile or pneumatic switch ballot devices

when it appears that the number of persons historically using such devices warrant additional devices.

(d) The State Board of Elections may authorize a reduction in the number of voting devices provided in these regulations upon application of a county board of elections which demonstrates that such a reduction will not create excessive waiting time by voters. **The request for such a reduction shall be made by both commissioners, in writing, to the co-executive directors of the state board and shall set forth the rationale being used for the requested reduction. The request for such reduction shall be made no later than twenty days before the beginning of the early voting period.**

Section 6210.18 is amended to add a new paragraph (l) to read as follows:

(l) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, voting machines or systems used for early voting shall be separately audited pursuant to this subdivision and the provisions of this section not inconsistent with this subdivision after the date of the election. For purposes of selecting the voting machine(s) or system(s) used in early voting to be audited, each separate memory storage device containing election results, exclusive of any redundant memory storage devices, used during early voting from which a result tape is generated shall be considered a separate voting machine or system for purpose of the audit. As provided by the procedures of the state board of elections and the provisions of this Part consistent with this subdivision, initially three percent of such voting machines or systems used for early voting shall be audited in addition to the initial audit of three percent of voting machines or systems used on election day as provided for in subdivision (a) of this section. The audit expansion steps for ballots voted early shall be the same as for other ballots, and both early voted ballots and all other ballots counted by machine shall be included in any full manual count conducted pursuant to this section. The cast ballots corresponding to each memory storage device containing election results shall be kept together and not intermingled with any other voted ballots.

From: ele.sm.CoExeDir <CoExecutiveDirectors@elections.ny.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 5:15 PM
To: Brehm, Robert (ELECTIONS); Valentine, Todd (ELECTIONS)
Cc: Connolly, Thomas (ELECTIONS); Lovullo, Brendan (ELECTIONS); Couser, Cheryl (ELECTIONS); Conklin, John (ELECTIONS); Quail, Brian (ELECTIONS); Galvin, Kimberly (ELECTIONS); Cartagena, Nicholas (ELECTIONS); McCann, William (ELECTIONS)
Subject: Aid to Localities Grant Program and Capital Grants Program

Dear Commissioners and Directors,

Aid to Localities Grant Program and Capital Grants Program

In the recently adopted State Budget two funds were provided for grants to the county boards to assist with the implementation of early voting and also for the purchase of electronic poll books, ballot on demand printers and their related cyber security. Both new grant programs will require new local contracts, similar to the existing grant SHOEBOX or County Funds programs and they will be similarly based on a reimbursement to the county boards of elections upon application to the State Board for actual allowable expenses. The State Board has agreed to the following plans for the disbursement of the grants.

Chapter 53 Aid to Localities: \$10,000,000

This grant is to be made available to the local boards of election for re-imbursement of costs related to the implementation of early voting and eligible expenses pursuant to a plan subject to the approval of the division of budget.

Upon approval by the State Division of Budget, the State Board is recommending that these funds be distributed to the counties allowing for a minimum payment of \$15,000 for each early voting site designated by the county and the remainder distributed based upon the February 1, 2019 enrollment. This will allow every county some funds for any additional voting equipment needed for early voting, for staffing and for poll site expenses. The amount that each county will get will be based on their 2019 early voting poll site selections. The initial designation of the early voting poll sites is due by May 1. Final designation for purposes of determining the grant award will be due May 29th. The State Board will then develop contracts for each county for making the re-imbursement payments for eligible expenses.

Chapter 54 Capital Projects: \$14,700,000

This grant is to be made available to the local boards of elections, for initial technology costs of electronic poll books. The remaining funds shall be made available to local boards of elections for reimbursement of eligible costs, including, but not limited to, electronic poll books and associated software, on-demand ballot printers and cyber security software required to implement early voting, provided that such reimbursement shall be apportioned based on the number of registered voters in a county.

The State Board has agreed that the funds be distributed to the counties allowing for a payment of \$15,000 for each county per designated early voting site towards the purchase of an e-poll book system and the remaining funds will be distributed based upon the February 1, 2019 enrollment. This will allow every county to purchase base level e-poll book voting equipment needed for early voting, and then provide funds to be used towards the other allowable expenses for on-demand ballot printers and cyber security software required to implement early voting. The amount that each county will get will be based on their 2019 early voting poll site selections. The initial designation of the early voting poll sites is due by May 1. Final designation for purposes of determining the grant award will be due May 29th. The State Board will then develop contracts for each county for making the re-imbursement payments for eligible expenses.

Please reach out to the State Board with any questions.

Robert A. Brehm

Co-Executive Director
New York State Board of Elections
40 North Pearl Street, Suite 5
Albany, New York 12207-2729
518-474-8100 robert.brehm@elections.ny.gov

Todd D. Valentine

Co-Executive Director
New York State Board of Elections
40 North Pearl Street, Suite 5
Albany, New York 12207-2729
518-474-6236 todd.valentine@elections.ny.gov



Town of New Paltz

Neil Bettez, Town Supervisor

PO Box 550, 52 Clearwater Rd, New Paltz, NY 12561

(845) 255-0604 / Fax: 255-4084

www.townofnewpaltz.org

Commissioners Ashley Dittus and Tom Turco
Ulster County Board of Elections
284 Wall Street
Kingston NY 12401

May 17, 2019

Dear Ms. Dittus and Mr. Turco:

I am writing in support of the use of SUNY New Paltz as an early voting site for the General Election in November 2019.

New Paltz is the second most populated town per voter in Ulster County, is in proximity to the NYS Thruway, and is connected to more routes of public transportation than any other township in Ulster County. SUNY New Paltz has offered the use of the Student Union Building at no cost to the Board of Elections. The site is handicap-accessible, there is ample parking on site, and it is centrally located for drivers, pedestrians, and public transit riders.

The Town Board of the Town of New Paltz unanimously passed the attached resolution at its May 16 meeting. Early voting is good for voters and good for democracy. On behalf of the Board and the Town of New Paltz, I ask that you take advantage of this opportunity to provide increased ease of voting to Ulster County residents.

Sincerely,

Neil Bettez, Town Supervisor

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EARLY VOTING SITE

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York, held at the Town Courthouse, 23 Plattekill Ave., in New Paltz, New York, in said Town on the 16th day of May, 2019, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bettez, and upon roll being called, the following roll was taken:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Daniel Torres	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member David Brownstein	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Marty Irwin	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature adopted early voting in January of 2019 in an effort to enhance voter participation and;

WHEREAS, the New York State Board of Elections has received funding to allocate to counties based on the number of early voting locations and voter enrollment to assist with the implementation of early voting and;

WHEREAS, the Early Voting Law requires designation of poll sites to consider criteria such as population density, travel time to early voting location from the voter place of residence; whether the early voting site is on or near public transportation routes and commuter traffic patterns and;

WHEREAS, New Paltz is the second most populated town per voter in Ulster County and;

WHEREAS, New Paltz is in proximity to the NYS Thruway, Route 32 and Route 9W and;

WHEREAS, New Paltz is connected to more routes of public transportation than any other township in Ulster County and;

WHEREAS, SUNY New Paltz has offered the use of the Student Union Building at no cost to the Board of Elections and;

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Board of Elections has identified the need for seven early voting locations with one proposal to include an early voting site at SUNY New Paltz and;

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Board of Election Commissioners have submitted proposals to one another but disagree on exact voting locations at this time;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Town Board supports efforts to include SUNY New Paltz as an early voting location in order to enhance voter participation of local residents.

<u>VOTE</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Daniel Torres	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member David Brownstein	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Marty Irwin	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.



Office of the President

May 20, 2019

Commissioner Ashley Dittus
Commissioner Thomas F. Turco
Ulster County Board of Elections
284 Wall Street
Kingston, New York 12401

Dear Commissioner Dittus and Commissioner Turco:

SUNY New Paltz is prepared to serve as one of Ulster County's early voting sites beginning with this fall's general election. I understand that the Board is considering multiple locations for this purpose and that registered voters from both our specific election district and across the county may choose the campus as their polling site during the early voting period.

As the Mid-Hudson Valley's public university, a key priority in our strategic plan is to engage and support the region. In addition to advancing our core educational contributions, the College provides economic, social, cultural, and many other benefits and resources to our neighbors, particularly in Ulster and the surrounding counties.

Should you select the College as an early voting location, this role in the state's new civic initiative would be consistent with our effort to help serve the county and its citizens well. We have served as a polling site for primary and general elections for many years. We would prepare accordingly for welcoming area residents to campus.

For early voting, we are centrally located with easy access from state and county highways, including the NYS Thruway. We would make available sufficient and proximate public parking, so residents and polling staff could access the Student Union (our specific polling site) with relative ease. We have also identified an easily accessible room that can be secured and available for the duration of the early voting period. And College staff would continue to work with the Board to ensure additional logistical needs are met ahead of this time.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you have questions or need further detail to inform your final site selection.

Best wishes as you continue to prepare Ulster County for this important new endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald P. Christian".

Donald P. Christian
President

Ashley Dittus

From: Kenneth Nystrom <nystromosteo@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 3:03 AM
To: elections
Subject: early polling sites in Ulster County

My name is Ken Nystrom and I live with my family at 10 Janet Street in Kingston, NY. I am writing to express my strong support that early polling sites should be in major population centers in Ulster County, namely Kingston, New Paltz, Ellenville, and Saugerties.

Locating these early polling sites in population centers increases the likelihood that voting will actually reflect the will of the people in Ulster County.

Ken Nystrom

Ulster County Resident

Ashley Dittus

From: Sara Eckel <saraeckel@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 5:56 PM
To: elections
Subject: I support early polling sites for Kingston, New Paltz, Saugerties and Ellenville

I'm writing to express my support of David Donaldson's draft resolution that calls for early polling sites to be located in the City of Kingston and the Villages of Ellenville, New Paltz and Saugerties. We must give the greatest number of people the opportunity to vote — this is essential for maintaining our democracy.

Thank you,

Sara Eckel, Kingston NY

Ashley Dittus

From: Athena Baer <athenabaer@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:41 PM
To: elections
Subject: EQUAL VOTING RIGHTS!!!

PLEASE !! give the greatest number of people the opportunity to vote by placing early voting locations in the county's largest population centers.

Thank you !

**A. Baer
66 Clinton Ave.
Kingston, NY 12401**

Ashley Dittus

From: Kathy Adin <kathy.adin@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:12 PM
To: elections
Subject: Early voting polling locations

I support placing early voting polls in our population centers due to the ready access of transportation. The locations should be Kingston, Ellenville, Saugerties and Woodstock, logical places accessible to most.

Sincerely,
Kathy Adin

--

Sent from Gmail Mobile

Ashley Dittus

From: Michelle Sutton <michellesutton33@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:05 PM
To: elections
Subject: Yes please to early voting locations in Ulster Co

Good afternoon,

We support Chairman Donaldson's draft resolution to place early voting locations in the County's largest population centers: Ellenville, Kingston, New Paltz, and Saugerties in order to maximize voter participation in Ulster County.

Sincerely,

Michelle and Dale Sutton
499 State Route 299 Lot 33
Highland NY 12528

Ashley Dittus

From: Regis Obijiski <regis.m.obijiski@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:02 PM
To: elections
Subject: Make County Voting available in large population areas

Dear Sir/Madam

I support Chairman David B. Donaldson's draft resolution that calls for early polling sites to be located in the City of Kingston and the Villages of Ellenville, New Paltz, and Saugerties.

Regis Obijiski, Town of Ulster
regis.m.obijiski@gmail.com

Ashley Dittus

From: Sherrill Silver <dansalong7@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 7:46 AM
To: elections
Subject: early elections

I am very happy that early elections will now be an option in New York State. If we really want to make voting more accessible for people, this is the right move. However, I fail to understand the rationale put forth by Thomas Turco in suggesting the rural sites he has proposed; it only makes sense to me to have the sites located where the higher population centers are, i.e. Kingston, New Paltz, Ellenville, perhaps Saugerties.

I am suspicious about his motives for suggesting rural sites, and this does not bode well for his re-election.

Please locate voting sites where the population is densest.

Thanks you.

Sherrill Silver

New Paltz

Ashley Dittus

From: roberta sickler <rsickler73@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 8:26 AM
To: elections
Subject: voter supression

I support David Donaldson's draft resolution to create early voting locations set up in heavier population centers for the convenience of the most voters.

R Sickler
Bearsville

Ashley Dittus

From: Maria DeFranco <defrancodesign@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 1:07 PM
To: elections
Subject: Early voting election sites

Hi Tom,

I hope you and yours are well.

As you know, Paul and I travel alot.

We have used absentee voting on at least 3 occasions in Kingston.

We are excited that early voting is coming to NY State and hope that you will support as many sites to open up as possible, including Kingston, Saugerties, Ellenville, and New Paltz.

In our country, we need to increase the amount of people of every political party to exercise the privilege of voting. I see the role of the county legislators to broaden the opportunities, not keep them stagnant or diminish them.

Please support opening up voting access, so it becomes the norm to vote.

Please let me know why you would not open up these locations.

Thank you Tom and hope to see you this summer on the tennis courts!

Best, Maria DeFranco

Ashley Dittus

From: Barbara Shapiro <beejabarb@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 1:10 PM
To: elections
Subject: BOE early polling sites

Early voting locations must be positioned in the county's largest communities — Kingston, Saugerties, New Paltz, and Wawarsing — because they are population centers and easy to get to. Any other proposed sites, or delay in accepting the population centers as early polling places, can only be considered obstruction, and voter suppression tactics.

Barbara Shapiro, zip code 12481

Get [Outlook for Android](#)

Ashley Dittus

From: Sarah Gardner <xxoomom@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 12:50 PM
To: elections
Subject: Early Voting Sites

It is imperative that early voting in our county take place in the central locations of Kingston, Ellenville, New Paltz and Saugerties. Democracy will be served when all voters can easily access their polling locations.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sarah Gardner
Highland
845-633-3429

--

Let America be the dream the dreamers dreamed --
Let it be that great strong land of love
Where never kings connive nor tyrants scheme.
Langston Hughes

Ashley Dittus

From: Sarah Wenk <smwenk2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:00 PM
To: elections
Subject: Early voting

Hello,

I support David B. Donaldson's draft resolution that calls for early polling sites to be located in the City of Kingston and the Villages of Ellenville, New Paltz, and Saugerties.

All voters in Ulster County should have full access to voting. Our democracy depends on it.

Thank you,

Sarah Wenk
Kingston, NY

Ashley Dittus

From: Renee Hack <hackrenee7@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:12 PM
To: elections
Subject: early voting

Dear elections commissioner: I am urging you to enforce the installation of 4 poll stations in New Paltz, Ellenville, Kingston and Saugerties. Less than 4 is insufficient and ;etting sites in rural areas is nothing more than a thinly veiled attempt at vote suppression.

Thank you, Renee Hack

Ashley Dittus

From: Jane Schanberg <janeschny@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 1:36 PM
To: elections
Subject: Early Voting Sites in Ulster County

The citizens of Ulster County will benefit from early voting sites in the most populated areas.

For that reason I feel it is essential to have early voting in New Paltz, Kingston, Saugerties and Ellenville at least.

I favor as many additional early voting sites as possible but I do not support them in rural areas or in areas where they are not readily accessible by car and by public transportation off major hubs.

I strongly urge Commissioner Turco to come to an agreement with Commissioner Dittus well ahead of the May 29 deadline and file at least 4 and as many as 8 or even 9 early voting site to make it as easy as possible for Ulster voters.

Should Commissioner not agree to early voting in major towns, and should he cause the County to forfeit State monies earmarked for early voting, he and the Republican party should expect to be held accountable.

The agreement on early voting can be easy or difficult. I urge Commissioner Turco to be sensible and earn the respect of Democrats as well as Republicans for working together to make Ulster County benefit from procedures which have long been proven in other states.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Freiman Schanberg
New Paltz, NY

Ashley Dittus

From: Jacki Brownstein <jackilew@hvc.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:13 PM
To: elections
Subject: Voter suppression

By not agreeing for early voter locations in New Paltz and Kingston, Mr. Turco is engaging in voter suppression. It is unconscionable to be purposefully making it harder for people in these denser populated communities to vote.

I will be part of a protest movement to make him accountable.

Jacki Brownstein
3 Stonehedge Avenue
New Paltz

Sent from my iPad

Ashley Dittus

From: Laura Hartmann <lhforulstertowncouncil@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:34 PM
To: elections
Subject: Early Voting Polling Sites

To Board of Election Commissioners:

I am writing as a candidate in the 2020 election regarding early voting sites. It only makes sense to give the greatest number of people the opportunity to vote by placing early voting locations in the county's largest population centers. NOT in rural areas where it will make it more difficult for voters to get to those polling places.

This tactic is purely political and intended to suppress voter turnout. The whole point of early voting is to enable more people to vote.

If this is not decided by May 29, the county could lose critical funding for voting equipment and technology, approximately \$30k per location. If we do not get that funding the cost then becomes the burden of the taxpayers of Ulster County.

Make the right decision and put the polling sites in the county's largest communities, including Kingston, Saugerties, New Paltz, and Wawarsing.

Thank you, Laura Hartmann
Candidate, Ulster Town Council

Ashley Dittus

From: Rena Blumenthal <renablumenthal@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 2:56 PM
To: elections
Subject: Early voting sites

Hello,

I am writing to express my strong support for the establishment of Early Voting sites in the towns of Kingston, New Paltz, Saugerties and Ellenville.

The purpose of the new law is to make voting EASIER for the many people who do not have childcare, who may not be able to take time off work to vote, or who may be out of town on Election Day. To that end, we should have as many sites as possible, and they should be in the most populous and accessible parts of the county.

Republican Commissioner Turco is trying to restrict voting in Ulster County rather than make it more expansive, and he is even willing to forfeit state funds to that end. His efforts are totally against the spirit of the law.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter!

Rena Blumenthal
New Paltz, New York

Ashley Dittus

From: Karin Smith-Spanier <karinsmithspanier@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:46 PM
To: elections
Subject: early voting

I am writing in support of placing early voting sites in the largest cities, thus serving the most people. The city of Kingston, Villages of Ellenville, New Paltz and Saugerties should have these early voting centers. Thank You Karin Smith-Spanier 95 Lakeview Ave., Kingston New York

Ashley Dittus

From: Linda Geary <linda.geary@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 9:52 PM
To: elections
Subject: Polling places in New Paltz for early voting

I understand there is resistance from the Republican commissioner for Ulster County Board of Elections to having a polling place at the Student Union Building at SUNY New Paltz. I have a unique perspective on this as I was instrumental to gathering affidavits from students who sued to win the right to vote in their college communities. It is a legal right and it is a right that must be accessible by having polling places that are known and visible, and reachable. I strongly support polling places that allow people to actually get to vote, and New paltz and SUNY New Paltz must have such polling places.

The Commissioner may not like it but I believe he took an oath of office that included following the law. Do it.

Yours,
Linda Geary]
28 Sand Hill Road
Gardiner NY 12525

Ashley Dittus

From: Jillian Duffield <jlldff@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 6:43 PM
To: elections
Subject: Early voting SUNY

Please allow an early voting place at SUNY. The Republicans who object are clearly intent on discouraging Democrats from voting.

The Board of Elections seems determined to make it really difficult if not impossible to vote in New Paltz. Why do you constantly change the location of polling places? often not even notifying voters before elections. I wrote a letter after the election in November to which I never even got a response!

I'm tired of hearing about low voter turnout for local and off-year elections. It seems inevitable considering your mishandling of polling locations and availability.

Jillian Duffield
9 Huguenot St Apt 2
New Paltz
Sent from my iPhone

Ashley Dittus

From: Eli Duncan-Gilmour <eliduncangilmour@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 7:22 PM
To: elections
Subject: Early voting locations at New Paltz

As election commissioners it's your job to make it easy for people to vote; to grease the wheels of our democracy. Preventing the use of a building in New Paltz, the second largest town in the community, ESPECIALLY when the building is being offered for free, is irresponsible, foolish, and undermines my basic confidence in the BOE. Be responsible, not partisan hacks. Thank you.

-Eli Duncan-Gilmour, New Paltz voter.

Ashley Dittus

From: Weisburd, Stana-Lea <weisburs88@my.sunyulster.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 5:52 PM
To: elections
Subject: Early Voting Locations

Commissioner Turco,

As a voter in New Paltz I am troubled to hear that you refused to consider space offered at SUNY New Paltz for early voting this November. It is my understanding that there are no proposed early voting locations in New Paltz, which is the second largest town in the county. Voters here in New Paltz deserve to have a location that makes it simple for them to vote early. I urge you to reconsider and ensure that New Paltz has an early voting location.

Thank you,
Stana Weisburd
21 Cooper Street
New Paltz, NY 12561

From: Tricia Bowen <tricia.bowen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 4:50 PM
To: elections
Subject: Early Voting Location @ SUNY New Paltz

To whom it may concern:

It is my understanding that SUNY New Paltz was proposed as an early voting location for the upcoming November 2019 elections and all elections thereafter. This is a centrally located location with adequate parking and the technological resources that a polling place needs.

When the location was proposed at a recent Board of Elections meeting, Republican Commissioner Tom Turco, refused to consider the space and left the meeting without proposing an alternate polling location in New Paltz. I would like to stress that it is important that New Paltz have an early polling location. We are the second largest town in Ulster County and many of our local residents travel far and wide to get to work. Giving residents the option to participate in early voting at a centrally located location necessary if the Commissioners which to comply with the new voting laws. Please ask Commissioner Turco to reconsider his decision and allow early voting at SUNY New Paltz or come up with an alternate suitable location in New Paltz. Thank you.

-- Tricia

***_

Tricia Bowen
199 Huguenot Street,
New Paltz, NY 12561
tricia.bowen@gmail.com

***_**_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*

Ashley Dittus

From: Linda Lou <lwerner1@hvc.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 10:48 AM
To: elections
Subject: Early Voting Sites

Kingston, New Paltz, Saugerties and Ellenville are the preferred locations for early voting. I have taken into consideration populations and accessibility and stand with Democratic Commissioner Ashley Dittus on this issue. I urge Republican BOE Commissioner Turco to vote for what seem to me to be the logical sites.

Thank you,
Linda L. Werner
Town of Olive Registered Voter

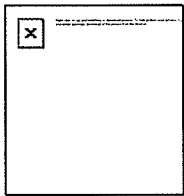
Ashley Dittus

From: Laurie Ylvisaker <lylvisaker@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 9:32 AM
To: elections
Subject: Early Voting

I am writing to support the availability of early voting in as many of the Ulster County communities as possible.

I support David B Donaldson's draft resolution.

Laurie Ylvisaker



Laurie E. Ylvisaker

Associate Broker #1 In WOODSTOCK MLS SALES; 2011, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018

President's Premier - Top 2% Nationally

1-845-901-6129/ lylvisaker@gmail.com

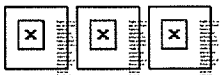
Coldwell Banker Village Green Realty

Office: 1-845-679-2255 / Fax: 1-845-679-2715

11-13 Mill Hill Rd, Woodstock, NY 12498

<http://www.villagegreenrealty.com/>

Meet Me On YouTube



This e-mail message may contain confidential or legally privileged information and is intended only for the use of the intended recipient(s). Any unauthorized disclosure, dissemination, distribution, copying or the taking of any action in reliance on the information herein is prohibited. E-mails are not secure and cannot be guaranteed to be error free as they can be intercepted, amended, or contain viruses. Anyone who communicates with us by e-mail is deemed to have accepted these risks. Company Name is not responsible for errors or omissions in this message and denies any responsibility for any damage arising from the use of e-mail. Any opinion and other statement contained in this message and any attachment are solely those of the author and do not necessarily represent those of the company.



Ashley Dittus

From: Diane Colello <dianec@reelizations.com>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 9:18 AM
To: elections
Subject: early voting

I support Chairman Donaldson's resolution to place early voting sites in the areas of largest population.

Diane Colello

Saugerties, NY

Ashley Dittus

From: Susan Bissonnette <sbissonnette58@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 8:57 AM
To: elections
Subject: Early voting

I support Donaldson's proposal to place early voting centers in Kingston, Saugerties, Ellenville and New Paltz.

Susan Bissonnette
Woodstock Democratic Committee
Sent from my iPhone

Ashley Dittus

From: Tobe Carey <tobecarey@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2019 10:22 PM
To: elections
Subject: early voting

We urge you to place early voting opportunities in the county's largest population centers such as Kingston, Saugerties, New Paltz and Ellenville. Please afford the most people the opportunity to cast their votes during the early period.

Thank you,
Tobe and Meg Carey
Glenford

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Ashley Dittus

From: Richard Newman <rnew11@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2019 9:20 PM
To: elections
Subject: polling places

Dear Election Board members,

I am another voter who supports having early voting sites in our main population centers to benefit the greatest number of people and comply with the state's common sense guidance on these matters. Please adopt David Donaldson's resolution and put them in the City of Kingston and the villages of Ellenville, New Paltz and Saugerties, the sooner the better. These are the most densely populated places and they are where a majority of our rural residents, like me, regularly go to shop, worship, and make doctor visits.

Thank you for your service!

Rich Newman
High Falls

Ashley Dittus

From: Irwin Rosenthal <irwin4444@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2019 8:18 PM
To: elections
Subject: Voter. Registration

Greetings :

I support the draft resolution of Dave Donaldson.

Irwin Rosenthal
110 Tinker st
WOODSTOCK ny 12498

--

Irwin Rosenthal

Ashley Dittus

From: Claudia Gahagan <claudiagahagan@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2019 7:25 PM
To: elections
Subject: Stop Voter Suppression

I understand that decisions have to be made soon on early voting sites in order to qualify for funds and to get prepared. I support David Donaldson's proposal to use the larger population centers.

Claudia Gahagan

Ashley Dittus

From: Nikki Goldbeck <ngoldbeck7@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2019 7:07 PM
To: elections
Subject: Early voting

I am emailing to urge you to place the early voting centers in the areas of greatest population density so that the maximum number of people will be able to take advantage of this opportunity.

Sincerely,
Nikki Goldbeck
Woodstock, NY

Ashley Dittus

From: Helene Kendler <helene.kendler@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2019 6:25 PM
To: elections
Subject: Support for early polling sites

To the Ulster County Board of Elections:

I am writing to express my strong support for Chairman David B. Donaldson's draft resolution, calling for early polling sites to be located in the City of Kingston and the Villages of Ellenville, New Paltz, and Saugerties.

Sincerely,
Helene Kendler
Lake Hill, NY 12448

Ashley Dittus

From: Edward Sager <elsmy3suns@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2019 6:11 PM
To: elections
Subject: VOTING LOCATIONS pending:

I support David Donaldson's proposal to provide those more densely populated areas, Kingston New Paltz, Saugerties and Wawarsing with adequate easily accessible early voting locations. By deciding this early enough I believe the majority of taxpayers will be in favor of this decision!!

I urge a willingness of all to negotiate through honest discourse for the fair and realistic, practical and cost effective opportunity for all to vote. I see this to be the full intention of the law and I am trusting that you all members will agree. This nation is made up of people - the people represent these United States!

Sincerely, Edward Sager, Town of Saugerties

Ashley Dittus

From: Tailpuppies <tailpuppies@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2019 5:59 PM
To: elections
Subject: Early voting

Please support. This is crucial for our community

Diane Moshe
2 Starjem Dr
Saugerties, ny 12477
(845) 706-0956
peacelovehavanese.com

Ashley Dittus

From: Susan Goldman <sgoldmanny@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2019 5:59 PM
To: elections
Subject: early voting sites

I understand that decisions have to be made soon on early voting sites in order to qualify for funds and to get prepared. I support David Donaldson's proposal to use the larger population centers.

It makes the most sense to me to locate the early voting in the larger centers, especially because during the time period allotted, people living in the more rural parts of the county will be coming to the center nearest them for doctor's appointments, shopping, etc. I do not believe that many of our residents will have a difficult time doing that. It will also benefit people who work in the larger towns/cities (which is most of our workforce) because they will be able to vote while at work, relieving them of childcare costs and lost work time.

Thank you
Susan Goldman
Woodstock, NY

Ashley Dittus

From: Leslie Gerber Personal <piano@paranassusrecords.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2019 5:48 PM
To: elections
Subject: early polling

I am writing to express my support for Chairman Donaldson's draft resolution calling for early polling sites. In our current situation it is important for us to extend the possibility of voting to every possible potential voter.

Leslie Gerber
Woodstock NY

Ashley Dittus

From: andrew boggess <bogeyalb@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 18, 2019 7:33 AM
To: elections
Subject: Early voting locations for Ulster County

I am in support of the 4 cities for early voting in the November election, Kingston, New Paltz, Saugerties and Ellenville. I find it disgusting that there is any resistance at all to this plan. Turco should hide in SHAME for attempting any kind of voter suppression in Ulster County. This is America, everyone should be encouraged to vote and it should be easy for them to do so.

Drew Boggess
Sent from my iPhone

Ashley Dittus

From: Tomsusan Denton <tomsusand@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 4:44 PM
To: elections
Subject: Sites for early voting in Ulster County

Commissioners: I have been concerned with the news that the Board of Elections office has not agreed on sites for early voting in our local election. The first step has been taken: the state legislature and the governor have approved a process and have provided funding for this critical reform. It is the job of the B o E to implement it in the most fair and efficient way, with the goal of providing opportunities to as many citizens as possible. The right to vote is our first and most important right and responsibility as Americans.

With this in mind, sites obviously should be located in population centers in the county. Kingston, New Paltz, Saugerties, and Ellenville clearly fit the bill. The sites should be as easily accessible as possible, with public transit or foot traffic in mind. It's my understanding that NY State will pay for a minimum of two sites but will consider additional funding for more proposed sites. Ulster should aim for as much funding as it can get.

We *all* should be excited about this positive reform in the law. Our country benefits, our political system benefits, and our political parties benefit when citizens are engaged. Any foot dragging on this matter will smack of voter suppression and will invite outrage from the public. Please do your work and submit to the state a sensible, full plan to cover multiple early voting sites for the greatest number of voters.

Thank you.

Tom Denton
New Paltz, NY

Ashley Dittus

From: Gordon W. Brown <sumothespian@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 4:24 PM
To: elections
Subject: Early Voting

The plan to have early voting in Kingston, Saugerties, New Paltz and Ellenville is the best plan of those proposed. Anything less can only be viewed as creating unfair obstacles to voting. This is a vast improvement in NY over one voting day. There should actually be more places for early voting and election day should be a holiday. But for the time being these four cities are a good start.

Gordon W. Brown
Boiceville, NY

Ashley Dittus

From: Marty Lupowitz <bones@hvi.net>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 5:47 AM
To: elections
Subject: Early voting sites in Ulster County

Dear Ulster County Board of Elections,

I am aware of controversy regarding the proposed locations of early voting sites in Ulster County.

It seems most fair and right to locate these sites in the centers of population in the county. 4 locations in Ellenville, Saugerties, Kingston, and New Paltz would allow easiest access to most residents.

I hope this is the conclusion that is reached.

Thank you,
Martin Lupowitz