

Primary Attempt in Peekskill was Unethical

To the Editor,

On the morning of Peekskill's Democratic primary, campaign signs for the mayor and his slate had sprouted all over our city like toadstools after a wet summer night. A friend assured me that signs don't equal votes. That's another way of saying that money doesn't equal votes. By the end of the day that turned out to be nothing less than truth.

The attempt by local Republican candidates to hijack the Democratic ballot line and nullify the right of Peekskill's voters to an honest choice in November's general election was a new low for a party leadership that knows its way around the

low end of local politics. Even Bryan Fumagalli of the "Peekskill Post" recently admitted on public access TV that this scheme, which he did his best to excuse as a tactical choice, may have been legal but probably wasn't ethical.

Who was driving this apparently unethical attempt to force Republican candidates onto the Democratic slate? All of us who vote in November will have to think hard about this and decide who truly keeps the good of our community close to heart.

And vote accordingly.

Respectfully,

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