

Trump Seems to Mirror Actions of Peekskill Mayor

To the Editor,

Have you ever noticed how, over the years, local Republican election strategies have mirrored those of Republican campaigns at the state and national level? In my imagination, I see the locals going off to some summer camp for training in the dark arts of dissimulation, changing uncomfortable subjects, shrieking about fiscal crises that don't exist, and attacking an opponent's strength with repetitive untruths. They don't have a secret training camp, of course. I imagine they just pay attention to what the big boys do.

The funny thing this year, however, is the way that our new president seems to be taking cues from our very own Peekskill mayor. In the thirty years I've lived here, we've had a lot of Republican

mayors, some who were Ok, some not so OK. Never have we had a mayor who was an outright bully. Week after week Mr. Catalina has attacked citizens who come to speak at council meetings. When he disagrees with one of his constituents, he interrupts, cuts speaking time much shorter than for those with whom he agrees, or who flatter him. He's been doing this regularly for almost four years.

Does President Trump have his own special feed in the White House of the Peekskill government channel so he can sharpen his attack skills by watching our mayor pick on folks? I doubt it, but sometimes it sure does seem that way.

Sincerely,

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