

Candidate Conversations Available On Public Access

Next week will see expanded community voter education programming on WCKN, the public access station located at Clarkson University. North Country Matters Presents: Conversation with Candidates will have an additional three conversations for viewing, as well as a new voter education meeting on the Potsdam Dissolution question.

These new 30-minute conversations are with Potsdam village candidates for trustee Mark Lee and Eleanor Hopke, and mayoral candidate Steve Yurgartis. Each sat down with village residents Bob Burns and

Sue Rice to discuss the critical issues surrounding this year's election.

In addition, the Potsdam dissolution meeting on Oct. 5 with officials from the village of Seneca Falls that discussed the post-election transition that community has undergone following the vote last year has been added to the broadcast schedule.

On Monday, following Peak Moment TV at 7 p.m., you can watch the Sept. 12 dissolution hearing held by the village of Potsdam. On Tuesday, the second hearing taped on Oct. 5 with the Seneca Falls officials at

7:30 p.m. This discussion presented a case-study of another community's dissolution process before and after the vote.

The conversations with candidates air starting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, with candidates Gavin Regan, St. Lawrence County clerk; Cecily Morris, county Family Court judge, at 7:30 p.m., Mark Lee, Potsdam trustee candidate, at 8 p.m., Steve Yurgartis, Potsdam mayor candidate, at 8:30 p.m.; and concludes at 9 p.m. with Eleanor Hopke, Potsdam trustee candidate. Those five conversations repeat at the same times on Thursday, all

on WCKN, Time Warner Cable Chanel 30.

Additional dissolution voter education programming is also in the works. On Oct. 21, WCKN will tape a one-hour discussion of the Alternatives to Dissolution, which were in the report prepared for the village. Committee members Michele Arnold and Alex Jacobs will outline the non-dissolution choices recommended in the report with community resident Bob Burns.

On Oct. 28, WCKN will host a live call-in show to answer last minute questions and opinions concern-

ing dissolution prior to the vote on Nov. 8. Stay tuned for more details on both events.

More conversations will be taped the coming weeks. Already scheduled are candidates Andrew Moses for county Family Court judge; Mary Lou Rupp for county clerk, and Ron Tischler for Potsdam village trustee.

Each of the half-hour segments will be broadcast on a rotating basis between recording and Election Day, Nov. 8 and be available on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/-user/danieledulea#>. Check the websites for

AAUW-St. Lawrence County (<http://www.northnet.org/stlawrenceaauw/index.html>) and the League of Women Voters of St. Lawrence County (<http://slc-leaguev.org/>) for specific program links.

The civic partners for the Conversations and the Dissolution programming include AAUW-St. Lawrence County, the League of Women Voters of St. Lawrence County, the Center for Excellence in Communication at Clarkson University, Clarkson students in Comm. 310 and 327, and the Potsdam Chamber of Commerce.