

I am Pelham Manor Co Chair of the Democratic Town Committee. I am requesting that you look into changing village elections to November rather than March. For the March election we have a Caucus rather than a primary. A caucus is less democratic because only a small group of people show up to vote. The other issue is that many people are unaware of the march election so voter turnout is low... Lastly, in Pelham Manor we have only one Election Commissioner because the Manor runs there own local elections. He is only person who makes decisions on problem issues. Whereas the county has both a Democratic and Republican Commissioner to decide on issues which is the more democratic way.

Pelham Manor has elections every year for two trustee positions and every other year for Mayor.

There have been issues in the past elections. In one local election two volunteer poll watchers were asked to leave because the poll worker was unfamiliar with the party on the certificate.

The poll watchers called the Board of Elections and were re admitted.

Some poll workers do not know any of the rules and therefore violate them.

In a recent local election which took place in September (because of the Corona Virus) a trustee from Pelham Manor was a poll watcher which I believe violates the rules.

In general, by having only one Election Commissioner, a caucus, untrained poll workers, and March elections our democratic process is being challenged...