

NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
2017 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

NOMINEE: __Volunteers of Newington Community Television, Inc._____

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Brief summary of why you feel this individual should be considered as Volunteer of the Year:

Thirty one years ago, several citizens of Newington formed Newington Community Television, Inc. (NCTV) as a member organization with one shared channel. It was a grassroots medium to express freedom of speech and allow for local programming that would never be seen on commercial television. These volunteers created opportunities for citizens to voice their hopes, dreams, ideas, and aspirations to our community.

These volunteers are visionary.

Today, NCTV has grown to a studio with two channels dedicated to Newington. Formed by volunteers, NCTV continues to operate as a volunteer community access television (CATV) station. In the CATV world, it is unheard of that a station is operated solely by volunteers.

These volunteers are dedicated.

NCTV's mission is to enable the coverage of various events in Town and allow for individuals to learn the craft of television and media production.

These volunteers believe in the mission.

It takes lots of practice – from being in front of the camera, to operating cameras, directing and switching and technical know how to get the signal out of the studio and delivered to our citizens. Behind the scenes there is script writing, individuals that edit hours and hours of footage, those that write the code every week and others that monitor the community calendar and social media outlets in order to tell the Newington story. No longer is watching TV enough, we now are streaming the signal to their devices and making programs available on-demand.

These volunteers keep the shows running 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Coverage on the government channel shows the elected/appointed officials in action and gives the citizenry of this Town the opportunity to understand how it all works. The public channel offers much variety and continues to grow to meet the expectations of our citizens. It's not just

the politics, but coverage of Town events, parades, spelling bees, school sports, veteran ceremonies; the very fabric that makes Newington our home.

These volunteers believe community television and media is important to the local voice of the people of Newington.

Therefore, I nominate NCTV as volunteer of the year.

Nominating Party: _____Patty Foley_____

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