



Board of Registrars

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: 1st floor conference room, Town Hall Annex

Attendance: Juli Brazile, William Logan, Rebecca Betlyon

Guest: Mark Kaepplein

Minutes

1. Agenda Review

Juli reviewed the agenda.

2. Approve minutes of the 11/21/22 meeting

Rebecca moved approval of the minutes. Bill 2nd. Rebecca noted her name was misspelled one place in item 4. Approved 3-0 with the noted correction.

3. Discussion and Vote: request to the Select Board to authorize in-person early voting for the April 1, 2023 Town Election.

Juli explained the new Votes Act requires the Board of Registrars to vote to request the Select Board authorize early voting in person for town elections. Bill moved approval of a request for 3 days of early voting in the week before the election. Rebecca 2nd. 2 in favor, Rebecca abstained. Juli clarified that at least two member of the Board of Registrars must make the request, so our vote will be forwarded to the Select Board for the Town Clerk.

4. Discussion: draft webpage on the Town website

We discussed the draft of the webpage text and made suggestions. The list of members should identify Juli as the chairperson and maybe include an email address people can use to contact the Board. We clarified the wording around the Board delegating routine functions to the Town Clerk staff. It will be changed to say the Board "may vote to authorize the Town Clerk to perform many functions authorized under the law" to make it more clear.

5. Update on outreach to voters who have moved

Juli said her staff had mailed each person on the list of address changes provided to us by the Colarusso Campaign and that many were writing back to update or cancel their voter registration.

6. Update on Town Census

Rebecca wanted to know if the Board had any responsibility for the Town Census since updating the street list is listed as a responsibility of the Board in MGL. Juli clarified that it had been many years since the Town Clerk's Office had asked the Board to be part of updating records based on returned census forms.

7. Term ending March 31, 2023

Juli noted that Lucia's term ends this year. Since Lucia is not attending the meeting, but had previously mentioned to Juli she would not seek reappointment, Rebecca offered to notify the Republican Town Committee they might need to nominate someone to the Select Board in early March.

8. New Business

The last day to register to vote for the Town Election is Wednesday, March 22. Since that's a business day, the Town Clerk's Office will remain open until 5 pm to register voters. She doesn't think the assistance of Board members is required this time.

There was no sense of when we might need to meet again. When a meeting becomes necessary, Juli will inquire how the members feel about Zoom vs in person meetings. We may meet later in the spring if a new Registrar is appointed.

9. Adjourn

Bill moved adjournment. Rebecca 2nd. Voted 3-0 at 7:49 pm.