

Board of Registrars

December 8, 2015 Minutes

Attendees: Rosemary Fudeman, Claire Golding, Anne Littlefield, Lynne Grettum

- Meeting was convened at 9:50AM
- April 15, 2015 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.
- Special Town Meeting and Special Town Election
 - Last day to register for the STE was Friday 11/27/15. Town Clerk's office was open from 9AM-8PM. After 6PM put note on the door with phone number.
 - Last day to register for the Town Meeting was 12/04/15. Clerk's office was open from 9AM-8PM. After 5PM put note on the door with phone number, on the website, and on Town Clerk answering machine.
 - Absentee ballots were available on November 24, 2015
 - Sent two ballots electronically to a UOCAVA voter
 - Anne and Rosemary will count the UOCAVA ballots at 8PM at the 12/17/15 Special Town Election.
- Lynne reviewed the 2016 election year.
 - Election Training Mandate – Chapter 51, section 17A of MGL requires local election officials be trained on State and Federal Election Laws and regulations annually. Received and reviewed training module sent by the State Elections Division. Notified registrars of completion of training at this meeting.
 - Primary is March 1st. The last day to register to vote or change party affiliation is February 10, 2016. Clerk's office will be open 8AM-8PM
 - Nominations for 2016 Presidential Primary ballot were received until the deadline of November 6th, 2015. Papers for Republican Town committee and State Committeeman were received.
 - Petitions for the 2016 Presidential Election ballot and 2018 State Ballot were received until the deadline on November 18, 2015
 - Received 149 petitions
 - Certified 267 signatures
 - Returned 8 petitions without certification that were submitted after the deadline
 - Annual Town Election is scheduled for May 9th followed by Annual Town Meeting May 10th
 - State Primary has been rescheduled to Thursday, September 8, 2016. Original date was Tuesday September 20th. The 20th was too late to get Absentee Ballots out to meet Federal requirements.
 - Early voting will begin with the Presidential Election in Nov.
 - Voting must be available during business hours starting Monday, October 24th through Friday, November 4th.
 - Legislative committee still working out details
 - There will be early voting ballots, absentee ballots, and regular ballots available.
 - No decision has been made about weekend or additional night hours for voting.
- Voter Registration Process Updates
 - Online voter registration is up and running on the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website.
 - 16 and 17 year old voter pre-registration will begin August 2016

- All voters who register in a Party or Designation receive a notice explaining what it means on election day for primaries and general elections
- Interstate Crosscheck
 - Reviewed list but Town Clerk has taken no action. May review again in the spring. Received no requests from other states to investigate voter duplication.
- Voter Project Update
 - Last letters went out February 26, 2015
 - Pulled new list starting with the day after the last Annual Town Meeting, May 12, 2015 through March 1, 2016.
 - Next mailing will be early January 2016. Claire will revise the letter and Anne and Rosemary will put together the mailing.
 - Lynne will talk to Rebecca Peterson in the WRSD office to find a contact for any planned voter registration at the school. The Board of Registrars would like to help with a voter registration drive.
- Vote Tabulator Update
 - Board of Selectmen voted to discontinue the use of the old tabulator as of February 29th, 2016 and start using the new tabulator as of March 1st.

Motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting, vote was unanimous. Meeting dissolved at 10:58AM

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Grettum