

Board of Registrars

April 19, 2016 Minutes

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

- Meeting was convened at 9:04AM
- Claire Golding was sworn in for a new term to run from 4/1/16 through 3/30/2019
- A motion was made and seconded to elect Claire Golding as chairman. The vote was unanimous
- The meeting minutes from December 8, 2015 were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written. The vote to approve was unanimous
- **Review 2016 Calendar**
 - Presidential Primary
 - Last day to register or change party affiliation was Feb. 10th. Town Clerks Office was open from 8am-8PM
 - Many residents used the new online voter registration to register and change party. Very successful effort by the Secretary of State's office to get the word out about online registration.
 - RE: United Independent Party – The Secretary of State's office sent out postcards to all voters registered in this party to clear up confusion about enrollment in this party versus being unenrolled.
 - New DS200 vote scanner was introduced during this election. Only minor problems with defective ballots.
 - Annual Town Election
 - Last day to register is April 19th. Clerk's office will be open until 8PM for registration
 - State Primary
 - Election will be held on Thursday, Sept. 8, 2016
 - Last day to register to vote is Friday, August 19th
 - State Primary was moved earlier in Sept to accommodate a Federal mandate to have UOCAVA ballots ready for the Presidential Election 45 days ahead of the election.
 - Presidential Election
 - Election will be held on November 8th
 - Last day to register is Wednesday, October 19th.
 - Early voting starts with this election, 11 business days before Nov. 8th
 - Clerk will have to figure out how to set up for early voting, in Town Hall versus Town Hall Annex.
 - Members of the Board offered their assistance if needed
- Voter Project Update
 - Want to send out letters for those who will be 18 by September 8th.
 - Claire will review letter to make sure we include online voter registration
 - We will continue to send a mail-in form as a transition period in this mailing
 - Mailing will be done in late May or early June
- Voter Registration Challenge

- Lynne made the board aware that she had received a voter registration through the RMV for a person who she believed no longer lived at the registration address. The police, after a visit to the residence, confirmed the family no longer lived at that address.
- Mass General Law requires that the registration is accepted and then challenged by the Board of Registrars by following the MGL process.
- Anne volunteered to speak with the Secretary of State's Office to confirm the process by which we should proceed.
- A motion was made and seconded to dissolve the meeting; vote was unanimous. Meeting dissolved at 10:58AM

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Grettum