

## Board of Registrars

April 11, 2017 Minutes

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

- Meeting was convened at 9:01AM
- Anne Littlefield was sworn in for a new term to run from 4/1/17 through 3/30/2020
- Board unanimously re-elected Claire Golding as Chairman
- Minutes from August 23, 2016 and November 9, 2016 minutes were approved unanimously
- The Board reviewed the 2017 Election schedule
  - The deadline for voter registration is Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. The Town Clerk's Office will be open on the 18<sup>th</sup> from 8AM to 8PM as a special voter registration session.
  - The Town Clerk on behalf of the registrars certified two citizens' petitions for the May 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting.
- Update on Early Voting from SOC Elections Division February meeting
  - Early voting was popular with voters, shorter lines on election day (lines shifted to early voting)
  - Effect on overall turnout is hard to tell. Princeton turnout was the same as the last Presidential election, 85%
  - Clerks were positive, but asked for changes in the process such as the elimination of EV by mail, allow votes to be processed ahead of time, get rid of envelopes, allow the use of Poll books, etc. Using different ballots and envelopes caused a substantial storage problem for Clerks.
  - Next Steps: Task Force to study the issues brought forward. Task Force will include House, Senate, SOC, MA City and Town Clerks, election laws advocacy representative.
  - Report out should happen by August 1, 2017
- Voter Project – Board decided unanimously to do a mailing to eligible new voters in time for the May 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Election.
- Meeting was dissolved at 9:40AM

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Grettum