

Board of Registrars

August 1, 2018 Minutes

Attendees: Rosemary Fudeman, Susan Deliddo, Phil O'Brien, Lynne Grettum, Ginger Toll

- Meeting was convened at 2:35PM
- Minutes from the April 5, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.
- Discuss appointment of Assistant Registrar
The Board has the authority to appoint as Assistant Registrar, and we agreed that it made sense to do so in case the Town Clerk was not available. The Board voted unanimously to appoint Ginger Toll as an Assistant Registrar.
 - Update on 2018 election schedule reviewed the calendar noting that the next important date is the Last day to register for the Primary on Wednesday, August 15th. Town Clerk's Office will be open until 8PM that day.
 - Dates for Early Voting are preliminary and based on the process from 2016. Will finalize when the Elections Division sends out confirmation.
 - Agreed that Rosemary and Phil would count the UOCAVA ballots at the State Primary on Sept 4, 2018. Counting will take place in the Clerk's office at 8PM.
 - Will need to schedule another meeting to discuss Registrar's duties at the State Election on November 6, 2018.
 - We briefly discussed holding another voter registration at Hey Day or at the Princeton Farmer's Market. There was a table at one Farmer's Market during the summer. Decided not to hold another registration session.
- Automatic Voter Registration update
 - The legislature approved automatic voter registration. It will be implemented in 2020. There is an option to opt out if the person does not want to be registered.
 - The Secretary of State's office has asked that implementation be limited to two organizations, RMV and Mass Health at introduction so that the process could be tested, and possible implementation problems corrected before full roll out.
- New voter registration discussion-Sept/Nov. elections
 - We agreed that we needed to send the new voter letter out before the last day to register for the Primary, August 15th. Included in this mailing would also be the residents who would be 18 by the State Election in November. Also discussed the need to make the letter more eye-catching; Phil agreed to take that action item. One option we talked about was using postcards in the future.
 - Lynne will pull a resident list, Phil will revise the letter, and Rosemary will address and mail the envelopes the next day, August 2nd.
- Update on nomination/petition submissions – the deadline for all nomination/petition certifications for the November 2018 ballot has passed. All papers submitted to the Town Clerk's office have been certified.
- Update on Early Voting
 - Early voting at the State Primary was proposed by Secretary Galvin but will not likely happen. The assumption is that we will have Early Voting for the State Election.
 - The Elections Division has not communicated any information about the process or if there will be any changes to the process for the Nov. 6th election. There has been no feedback from the State about getting rid of the envelopes or allowing ballots cast directly into the vote tabulator. The assumption is that there will be no changes.
 - Early voting should begin in late October. The schedule used for the November 2016 election was the Town Clerk's office hours which include 2 evenings. There was no negative feedback at that time about not having weekend hours.
- The Board did not pick a specific date for the next meeting but agreed we needed to meet prior to the November 6, 2018 State Election to finalize Election night and post-election activities.
- Meeting dissolved at 3:20PM by a Unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Grettum