Electronic Voting Implementation Subcommittee
Minutes of meeting of June 4, 2015

Present: Dave Bernstein, Beth Klein, Larry Krakauer, Alan Reiss, Don Schuler, and Jon Sieber.

1. Dave Bernstein called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Larry Krakauer was appointed secretary pro-tem.

2. Public comments were invited, but none were offered at this time. However, Chairman Dave Bernstein invited additional public comments at various times during the meeting.

3. MSPU (Krakauer, Sieber): Approve minutes of the meeting of April 30, 2015.

4. The majority of this meeting was devoted to the agenda item *Preventing Proxy Voting at Town Meeting*.

The discussion was organized by a list of suggestions for preventing Proxy Voting, included with the meeting agenda. At the end of the meeting, the opinion of each ELVIS committee member on each of these suggestions was summarized in a spreadsheet for the Moderator. To further organize the discussion, the suggestions were broken down into four categories: Education, Prevention, Detection, and Resolution.

Education: We discussed items such as signs behind the checkers, a short statement by the checkers as to the illegality of voting any terminal but your own, and even the possibility of an actual paper handout.

Prevention: There was a discussion of the possibility of closing the bleachers, with various opinions expressed by committee members. The mechanics of requiring checkout of terminals during the meeting were discussed, including the staffing needs that would be created as a result.

Detection and Resolution were taken together: There was further discussion of the bleachers.   Larry Krakauer suggested that the bleachers are not really a Proxy Voting issue, and that closing them might be viewed as an effort to discourage citizens with young children from attending. He added that education might be sufficient without additional measures; in public comment, Margo Melnicove strongly disagreed.

The opinion of each committee member on each of the suggestions was collected for the Moderator.

5. Agenda item: *Encouraging additional Electronic Voting System suppliers to satisfy Wayland's requirements.*

Dave Bernstein and Jon Sieber reported on their conference call with *Meridia Interactive Solutions*, who are interested in being able to meet Wayland's requirements. They currently can't display a vote after the voting window closes, which we need to be able to do for an audit – that would take additional development.

The committee discussed the possibility of pursuing additional possible vendors. Larry Krakauer, Alan Reiss, and Jon Sieber were in favor of concentrating on the two we have (OTI and Meridia), at least for the moment. It would be helpful to see the Meridia system in operation in another town with an open Town Meeting.

6. At the end of the meeting, public comments were again invited. Margo Melnicove reiterated that she will only feel confidence in electronic voting if strong measures are taken to detect and prevent violations.

7. MSPU (Reiss, Klein) Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Abbreviations: MSP: Moved, Seconded, Passed (Mover, Seconder) Yes-No-Abstained
MSPU: Moved, Seconded, Passed Unanimously (Mover, Seconder)