

Minutes
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
CIVIL AUTHORITY

TOWN HALL BASEMENT Meeting Room

Thursday, February 12, 2015, 6 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Gage, Clerk, Bud Coolidge, Marge Munger, Lou Faivre, Ken Torrey, Seth Hopkins, Doug Bailey, Sally Cook, Del Cook, Skip Davis

GUESTS PRESENT: Dolores Furnari

Ms. Gage, Clerk called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm, and received nominations for chair. Ms. Munger moved to cast one vote for Lou Faivre as Board of Civil Authority Chair, seconded by Mr. Coolidge. Mr. Faivre was unanimously elected Chair.

Ms. Gage handed over the proceedings to newly elected Chair Faivre. Mr. Faivre entertained motions for Vice-Chair. Ms. Gage moved to cast one vote for Del Cook for Vice-Chair, seconded by Ms. Munger. Mr. Cook was unanimously elected Vice-Chair.

Ms. Gage moved to authorize the Presiding Officer, in conjunction with the Neshobe School administration, to make decisions regarding requests by organizations to conduct sales or disseminate information at the polls. Mr. Torrey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Move Sue/Ken. Motion carries

Candidate and Poll Watcher Guidelines Review and Adoption – Members reviewed the *Candidate and Poll Watcher Guidelines*.

Mr. Hopkins asked about poll watching and our ban on cell phones or pagers. He wondered if this would extend to the use of a cell phone or another electronic device that a poll watcher might use to check off names electronically. Clarified that this ban is for people talking and distracting pollworkers. It shouldn't be a problem for electronic poll watching. Ms. Munger moved to readopt, seconded by Mr. Torrey. Motion to readopt *Candidate and Poll Watcher Guidelines* passed.

Policy on Politicking at the Polling Place - Members reviewed the *Policy on Politicking at the Polling Place*. Mr. Torrey moved to readopt, seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion to readopt *Policy on Politicking at the Polling Place* passed.

Board of Civil Authority Rules for Conduct of Meetings and Hearings - Members reviewed the *Board of Civil Authority Rules for Conduct of Meetings and Hearings*. Mr. Torrey moved to readopt, seconded by Ms. Munger. Mr. Hopkins asked for time to read the document. Ms. Furnari stated that we shouldn't have "listers" in the document since there are no listers. Sue suggested Assessor / Assessor's Administrative Assistant. Sue then clarified that we need a new motion. Mr. Torrey moved to accept the document with amendments, Ms. Munger scnded. Motion to readopt *Board of Civil Authority Rules for Conduct of Meetings and Hearings* with amendments passed.

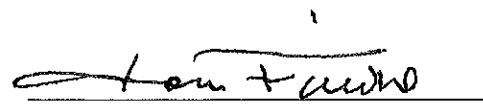
Ms. Gage handed out Election Information to the new Board of Civil Authority members. She also spoke about information on the Vermont Secretary of State website, as well as the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) website. Ms. Gage then spoke about the role of the Board of Civil Authority and what her expectations were of this board relative to elections and voter checklist.

Ms. Gage passed out a signup sheet for the upcoming election.

Mr. Cook made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Munger. Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.



Susan M Gage, Clerk



Lou Faivre, Chair