BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY January 27, 2022 Minutes

Present: Caroline Brown Christian Frenette

Bill Cleary Becky Roy

Lee McClenny Andrea Letorney
Dave Baczewski Dennis Angiono

Nanette Rogers

Guests: None

The Board of Civil Authority met on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held in person and via Zoom.

Bill Cleary made a motion to nominate Becky Roy as Chair, seconded by Dennis Angiono. Motion passed: 10-0.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

A brief discussion on apportionment was added to the agenda.

DROP BOX DISCUSSION

Nanette explained that the Board of Civil Authority must approve use of the drop box that was installed last year for the return of absentee ballots and the deadline for when absentee ballots may be placed in the drop box for collection. The drop box is locked and is used for all town business.

Historically, on election days, the ballots were removed from the drop slot, which was replaced with the drop box, and transported to the polls with the other election supplies (ballots, voting machine, etc.). In the afternoon, the post office is contacted to inquire if there are any ballots that were received in that day's mail. If there are ballots, an election official goes to the post office to retrieve them and stops at the town office to see if any more ballots have been deposited in the drop slot.

Nanette would like this process to continue and is requesting the Board to approve the use of the drop box for the return of absentee ballots and set a deadline of 6:00 a.m. on election days for when ballots must be deposited.

Bill Clearly made a motion to approve the use of the drop box for the return of absentee ballots and declared 6:00 a.m. as the deadline to do so, seconded by Dennis Angiono. Motion passed: 10-0.

APPORTIONMENT

Nanette advised that a revised House District map for Chittenden 8-3 has been received. The new map includes more of Essex and more of Milton the map discussed in October 2021 and will go from a single member district to a two member district. The House Committee on Government Operations is requesting feedback from Boards of Civil Authority on the new map by February 15. She asked the Board if they want to meet to discuss the map.

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The Board would like the opportunity to discuss the changes. A meeting was scheduled for February 10, 2022.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Roy, Chair Board of Civil Authority

Nanette Rogers Town Clerk