BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

April 07, 2025

1. OPEN MEETING – Town Clerk Zachary Brown called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Those present included Fern Brown, Zachary Brown, Dillon Begin, Al Buckley, Mike Daley, Lauire Daley, Judith Masson, and Katie Sawicki. No members of the public were in attendance either in person or via Zoom.
2. ELECT A CHAIRPERSON – Zachary asked if there were any nominations for chairperson. Mike made a motion to elect Laurie as the chairperson. Katie seconded this motion. Zach asked if there were any other nominations or discussions. Seeing none, the board took a vote. The motion was carried unanimously in the affirmative. Laurie accepted the role of chairperson.
3. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA – Zach stated that he had one addition to the agenda: Approval of the minutes from the October 23, 2024, meeting. All board members were fine with the additions. No deletions were made to the agenda.
   1. Approval of the minutes to the October 23, 2024 meeting – Mike made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Judith seconded the motion. Chairperson Laurie called for discussion. Zach asked that section 10 “ADJOURN MEETING” be changed to the following – Chairman Sawicki called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Al seconded this motion. Chairman Sawicki called for a vote. The motion was carried unanimously in the affirmative. Chairman Sawicki adjourned the October 23, 2024, meeting at 5:40 PM. Mike amended his motion to reflect the changes. Chairperson Laurie asked for further discussion. Seeing none, she called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.
4. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE RESIGNATION & NOMINATION TO GOVERNOR SCOTT – Zach told the board that the Selectboard advertised a notice of vacancy for the position. He stated that two individuals inquired, one with a written letter and the other with a comment on Facebook. He stated that the two were Krista Rodrigue and Kathy Smith respectively. He stated that Kathy had reached out and would be willing to fill the seat if no one else took the position. The Selectboard approved Krista Rodrigue as the Town’s nomination to Governor Scott to fill this position. He told the board that he had sent an email notifying the appropriate parties of the nomination but has yet to hear back from anyone.
5. REVIEW NEW APPLICANTS AND CHECKLIST – Zach distributed the “changes” report created through the Vermont Elections Management website. This list showed any changes to the checklist since the last meeting in October. Zach stated that the highlighted names were the individuals removed from the checklist. The board reviewed the list. A short discussion was had, but no action was taken.
6. BIENNIAL CHALLENGING OF VOTERS ON THE CHECKLIST – Zach distributed a voter checklist for the Town of Canaan, prior to and at the meeting. He also distributed a listing of the individuals who he believes may no longer live in Town. The board reviewed both lists. Judith made a motion to challenge, Randall Berry, Samuel Black, Michael Brauch, Marielle Cloutier, Jonah Cote, Jessica Crowell, Edward Cunningham, Anthony Day, Nathan DeGray, Zakery DeGray, Richard Dennis III, Fernand Gregoire, Raymonde Gregoire, Logan Hailey, Marguerite Haynes, Lydia Johnson, Michael Jutras, Tammy Kolstee, Emmitt Lambert, Kesler Lyons, Eternity McCoy, Timothy McCoy, Wanda Nichols, Gregory Noyes, Kaylee Noyes, Holly Paquette, Jason Plume, Hunter Regnier, Rebecca Thibeault, Leslie Thurston, Heather Wales, and Cynthia Walling. Mike seconded the motion. A short discussion was held on what it meant to be challenged and what are the repercussions of challenging a voter. Chairperson Laurie called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously in the affirmative. Zach will send letters to the 32 voters.
7. EXECUTIVE SESSION – IF NEEDED – No action or discussion was taken.
8. ADJOURN MEETING – Chairperson Laurie called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Judith seconded this motion. Chairperson Laurie called for a vote. The motion was carried unanimously in the affirmative. Chairperson Laurie adjourned the April 07, 2025 meeting at 6:20 P.M.