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MINUTES BOARD OF REGISTRARS Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Patricia Bessette announced that the meeting is being conducted by Zoom. Roll call was taken with those present.

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Each member acknowledged their presence at the meeting by responding in the affirmative during the roll call. Members, when I call your name, please respond in the affirmative.
- Registrar: Kevin Mooney- aye, Michael Lawler - aye, Julie Beckerman- aye, Patricia Bessette- aye
- Others Present: Charles Marinelli; Mark Gladstone; Brian Riley, KP Law (Remote); Sharon Simon (Remote)

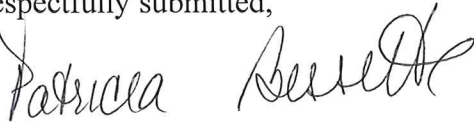
A motion was made by Mr. Mooney and seconded by Ms. Beckerman to approve the minutes from April 24, 2023, and May 3, 2023. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Mooney voted aye; Ms. Bessette voted aye; Ms. Beckerman voted aye; Mr. Lawler voted aye. Motion carried.

This meeting of the BOR was called after the Town Clerk's office received a notarized and signed letter by Michael Guilbault, time stamped May 3, 2023, challenging a voter/elected official's Mr. Charles P. Marinelli, residency under MGL c. 51 §48 & 49. Ms. Bessette discussed what, at a minimum, should be examined of the complaint: Was it signed by a registered voter; was it sworn to or notarized; does it state the complainant has reason to believe and does believe that a voter is incorrectly or illegally registered; does it states the reasons for that belief. With the permission of the BOR, Mr. Gladstone asked to speak stating the MGL cited in the statute of limitations ran out and it was too late for the BOR to act upon. Mr. Gladstone stated the letter should have been received four days prior to the town meeting, May 2, 2023. Mr. Riley, KP Law, disagreed with Mr. Gladstone. A motion was made by Mr. Mooney, seconded by Ms. Beckerman, to move forward with a residency public hearing. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Mooney voted aye; Ms. Beckerman voted aye; Mr. Lawler voted aye; Ms. Bessette voted aye; Motion carried. The BOR's discussed dates and times for the hearing. A motion was made by Mr. Mooney and seconded by Ms. Beckerman to conduct the public hearing on Wednesday, May 17th at 2:00pm. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Mooney voted aye; Ms. Beckerman voted aye; Mr. Lawler voted aye; Ms. Bessette voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Mooney encourages anyone with information to forward to the Town Clerk's office or to send a written statement.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Mooney and seconded by Ms. Beckerman at 6:59 pm. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Mooney voted aye; Ms. Bessette voted aye; Ms. Beckerman voted aye; Mr. Lawler voted aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia Bessette".

Patricia Bessette, Town Clerk

Complaint letter received by Mr. Guilbault

Letter sent to Mr. Marinelli in regard to complaint received