

PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT - BOARD OF UTILITY COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting of the Pascoag Utility District By-Laws Subcommittee will be held on Monday, February 23, 2009 at 5:00 pm in the District office, Pascoag 253 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI.

Members Present: Albert Palmisciano, Ann Polacek,

Members Absent: Brian Choiniere

Also in Attendance: Theodore Garille, General Manager; William Bernstein, General Counsel

Chairman Palmisciano opened the meeting at 5:21 pm.

1. Review and Revision of By-laws

- If rate payer's names are not on an electric or water account, they will not be able to vote. The Pascoag Utility District will be doing away with affidavits for next year.**
- There are no write in candidates. Candidates must declare their candidacy 30 days in advance. Customers have every right to put a write in candidate on the ballot but it will not be counted because they would not be a qualified candidate.**
- As a new policy, there will be a police officer present for the Annual**

Meeting voting from now on.

- **There will be a change to the by-laws; if a candidate withdraws their candidacy, it must be done in writing 10 days prior to the meeting.**

Topics that the By-laws Subcommittee will discuss further:

- **Should one of the criteria for becoming a Commissioner be that they must be a resident of the village and have their accounts current and in good standing as of the date of the canvasser's meeting?**
- **Should an owner of a business in Burrillville be considered a qualified candidate to run for the Board?**
- **The Board is looking at going to 5 members by a means of attrition:**
 - o **Voluntary/Mandatory Termination**
 - o **Death**
 - o **Person declares they do not want to run for another term.**
- **Absentee Ballots**
 - o **Absentee Ballots are only to be used for military reasons.**

2. Adjournment

Ms. Polacek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 pm. Mr. Palmisciano seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Brian Choiniere, Secretary
Board of Utility Commissioners

Desarae Downs, Recording Secretary