

MEETING of the Board of Canvassers held February 7, 2012 at 10:00 am in the Burrillville Town Hall, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville, RI 02830.

Members Present: Evelyn Levesque, Blanche Boisvert, Marjorie Fenley and Anita Hurley-Diez

Also Present: Louise Phaneuf, Clerk and Pam Pelletier, Administrative Aide

Member Absent: None

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Reorganization of the Board of Canvassers

The floor was opened for nominations for Board of Canvassers Chairperson.

Evelyn Levesque was nominated by Blanch Boisvert and Marjorie Fenley. There were no further nominations. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor the motion were Evelyn Levesque, Blanche Bosivert and Marjorie Fenley.

2. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting held January 17, 2012

and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Blanche Boisvert. Seconded by Marjorie Fenley. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Evelyn Levesque, Blanche Boisvert, Marjorie Fenley.

3. Nomination papers for the Presidential Preference Primary were certified by the Board of Canvassers. They will be forwarded to the Secretary of State's Office.

4. Mail Ballots for the Presidential Preference Primary were certified by the Board of Canvassers. Copies will be made and sent to The Secretary of State's Office.

New Business:

5. Establishing an Annual Calendar

Discussion: The Board discussed establishing an annual calendar. It was requested that the Clerk work with the election calendar to establish appropriate dates for the Board to meet. The proposed calendar will be presented at the next Board of Canvassers meeting which is to be held on February 21, 2012 at 10:00 am.

6. Spring High School Registration

Discussion: The Board requested that the Clerk follow up with Dr. Whaley, Principal of the High School to confirm a date for Spring Voter Registration.

7. Correspondence from Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk, Regarding her recommendation related to the combining of precincts for the April 24, 2012 Presidential Preference Primary.

Discussion: The Board reviewed the recommendation of combined of polling places. It was agreed that The Lodge, Jesse M. Smith Library and Oakland-Mapleville Fire Department would be acceptable. The Board requested that these buildings be reserved accordingly.

8. Relative to Poll Workers

Discussion: The Board reviewed the Poll Worker list from the last election. It was requested that the Clerk prepare and mail letters to said workers to see who would be available to work the April election.

9. Relative to Redistricting

Discussion: Redistricting bills 2012 – H7209 and 2012- S2178 as related to Senate District 23 and Representative Districts 47 and 48 were reviewed. There was discussion of redistricting precincts 0301 through 0305. The Board reviewed the draft of the new precinct lines as design by the Clerk.

10. Legislation

Voted to support 2012 – H7288, an act relating to elections-irregular ballots as request by Robert Rapoza, State Board of Elections.

Motion by Marjorie Fenley. Seconded by Blanche Boisvert. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Evelyn Levesque, Blanche Boisvert and Marjorie Fenley.

11. Report on visit to Zambarano Hospital

Discussion: Evelyn Levesque and the Clerk met with the Social Workers to discuss the mail ballot application process. Also present was Kate Bowden, Attorney for RI Disability Law Center. The importance of proper handling of the applications was discussed. The Social Workers requested that mail ballots for all three elections to be held in 2012 be submitted to them at one time. Also a request was made to have a Voter Identification drive to be held at their facility as many patients there do not have proper identification to vote.

Correspondence:

Discussion: Board of Elections has scheduled a Public Hearing on February 22, 2012 at 3:30PM at 50 Branch Avenue, Providence. The items to be discussed are, Voter Identification, Polling Place Conduct,

Provisional Voting and Voter Registration. Blanche Boisvert expressed interest in attending this meeting along with the Clerk.

Discussion: Voter Identification drive will be conducted by the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office at Ashton Court on April 3, 2012 from 10:00 am through 12:00 pm.

Discussion: State Board of Elections will be conducting a Winter Seminar on March 15, 2012. Evelyn Levesque, Blanche Boisvert and Anita Hurley-Diez expressed interest in attending. The topics will include:

- 1. Presidential Preference Primary**
- 2. Polling Place Conduct**
- 3. Voter Identification**
- 4. Voter Registration**
- 5. Provisional Voting**
- 6. Redistricting**

Voted to adjourn at 11:20 am.

Motion by Blanche Boisvert. Seconded by Marjorie Fenley. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Evelyn Levesque, Blanche Boisvert and Marjorie Fenley.

Pam Pelletier, Administrative Aide