

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
COUNTY OF NEWPORT**

The Board of Canvassers of the Town of Tiverton, County and State aforesaid held a Meeting at the Tiverton Town Hall, 343 Highland Road on Tuesday May 7, 2013 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Bobby J Harris-present
Member DeEtta Moran-present
Alternate Jean Veegh-absent
Town Clerk-Nancy Mello

Vice Chair James Rego-present
Alternate Charles Moran- absent
Clerk Kathleen Wood

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

April 24, 2013

The minutes were not yet available for review. The matter was continued to the next meeting.

2. Discussion of Financial Town Referendum and Early Voting

- a. **Provisional Ballots:** The board discussed whether or not to provide Provisional Ballots for the FTR. Since this is the first year that the FTR is requiring I.D., the concern was that without Provisionals anyone going to the polls without identification would not have the option of voting by Provisional ballot. Between Early Voting and the FTR on May 21st there will be 4 different days to vote and Ms Mello stated that unless the voter arrived at the polls ten minutes before the polls closed, they would have the option of going home and returning with their I.D. After a brief discussion a motion was made by James Rego to not have Provisional Ballots for the FTR. The motion was seconded by Ms Moran. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Auto Mark:** The Auto Mark will not be used for the FTR. In place of the Auto Mark, Pollworkers would be required to assist any voter in need.
- c. **Mail/Absentee Ballots:** After a brief discussion a motion was made by DeEtta Moran and seconded by Jim Rego to process the Absentee/Mail ballots on May 21st at 8:00 p.m. in Town Council Chambers at Town Hall. It is a 2 person process. One Board member would open the envelope and place the ballot in a privacy sleeve. Another Board member would feed the ballot into the Eagle.

3. Certify Mail Ball Applications

The Board certified 3 Absentee/Mail Ballot applications.

4. To Consider Such Other Business as May Lawfully Come Before the Board

- a. **Discussion regarding possible future changes to the Town Charter regarding the FTR.** Ms. Mello and the Board had a brief discussion on possible future changes to the Charter that might make the FTR process more efficient. One suggestion was to have voting for one day only, possibly a Saturday.
- b. **Tiverton High School Voter Registration Drive.** The Board will have its annual Voter Registration drive in May at the High School. The Clerk's Office will check availability at the High School and coordinate the drive with a bi-partisan pair of Board Members.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business James Rego made a motion to adjourn, seconded by DeEtta Moran.
The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Bobby Harris Chair _____

James Rego Vice- Chair _____ Alternate Jeannie Veegh _____ absent _____

DeEtta Moran _____ Alternate Charles Moran _____ absent _____

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ATTEST: _____ Nancy L. Mello Town Clerk