

**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 21, 2013 at 5:45 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at 5:45 a.m.

1. Conduct Election Day Proceedings

The Board left Town Hall at 5:50 to inspect polling locations and deliver election supplies.

2. Review and Submit Manual Count Ballots if Any

a. There was 1 Manual Count Ballot which was voted at the V.F.W. The voter had attempted to write in "REJECT" for Budget Committee's Proposal #1. Write-ins are not allowed for this election. All resolutions were rejected by the voter. Those votes were tallied with the V.F.W. totals.

b. Because of equipment problems at the Countryview Estates Polling Place, the "Closing of the Polls" tape could not be printed. Those ballots (34) were hand counted and votes were tallied and matched to the Official Election Certificate by the Board and Ms. Mello.

3. Review & Submit Mail Ballots into the Eagle

After the polls closed the board reviewed the Absentee/Mail Ballots received. There were 28 ballots mailed or delivered to voters. Nineteen were returned by the May 21, 2013 8:00 p.m. deadline. Of the 19, 16 were accepted. Three were rejected for lack of or insufficient witness signatures.

A motion was made by Ms. Moran, seconded by Mr. Rego to recess until the following day. The motion passed unanimously.

At 9:25 p.m. the Board recessed the May 21st meeting to May 22nd at 1:00 p.m. at which time they will certify the election results and review any FTR issues or problems.

The Board resumed the May 21st meeting at 1:10 p.m. on May 22nd.

Review Election Day Issues or Problems

There were several problems throughout the day with the Board of Elections voting equipment (Eagles). At one time or another, all 3 polling locations had problems with the tape feed or ribbons in the Eagles. Greg McBurney of the Board of Elections was called twice to replace or repair the equipment. Poll workers and Ms. Mello were able to repair the Eagle at Amicable Church sufficiently enough for the voting to continue. At closing time the Eagle at Countryview Estates did not print any totals. Those ballots (34) were counted manually by the Board of Canvassers in public during their meeting held in Council Chambers.

4. Future Review of the 2013 FTR

The Board will meet in June to discuss and review FTR election problems or issues.

Some suggestions for improvements & cost cutting measures were:

- Remove the Super Majority Requirement & Eliminate the necessity of a Runoff
- Less advertising
- Fewer days of Early Voting
- Fewer Poll Workers if the FTR is not contentious, or if there is only one Budget Proposal
- Eliminate meals for Poll Workers.
- Reduce Poll Worker pay rates

5. Certify Elections Results

The following are the results of the 2013 FTR.

Total Votes Cast 269

Budget Committee Budget Proposal #1 received 217 votes

Budget Committee Resolve #1 209 Approve 45 Reject

Budget Committee Resolve #2 226 Approve 34 Reject

Budget Committee Resolve #3 230 Approve 32 Reject

Budget Committee Resolve #4 231 Approve 32 Reject

Budget Committee Resolve #5 218 Approve 46 Reject

Town Council Resolution #6 229 Approve 35 Reject

All election equipment (Eagles etc.) was picked up by the Rhode Island Board of Elections. All voted ballots & election documents remain with the Town and are securely stored until the eligible date of destruction.

A motion to certify the above FTR results was made by Mr. Rego, seconded by Ms. Moran. The motion passed unanimously. (See certification of Election Results attached.)

There being no further business, Ms. Moran made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Harris. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Bobby Harris Chair _____ James Rego Vice-Chair _____

DeEtta Moran, member _____ Alternate Charles Moran _____ absent _____

Alternate Jean Veegh _____ absent _____

A True Copy:

ATTEST: _____ Nancy L. Mello Town Clerk