

**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 Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Bobby J Harris-present
Member Paul Amaral-present
Member Charles Moran-absent
Alternate Jean Veegh-present

Vice Chair DeEtta Moran-present
Town Clerk-Nancy Mello-present
Clerk Jeanne Spencer-present

Chair Mr. Harris called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. Review and Approve Minutes:

- Approval of October 3, 2014 Minutes
A motion was made by P. Amaral, and seconded by D. Moran to accept the minutes. The motion passed 3-1, Mr. Harris abstained was absent from meeting.

2. Unfinished Business

- A discussion was had in regards to Charles Moran's retirement and how many years he's been on the Board of Canvassing and the service he's provided the town throughout the years. Ms. Mello presented Mr. Moran's heart-felt letter of resignation which will be presented to the Town Council. A discussion followed as to how to properly thank Mr. Moran for years of dedication and service to the community.
- Sunday, October 5, 2014 the last day to register to vote, the Town Hall was open normal business hours and went well. N. Mello stated it was a fairly good turn out and better than prior years.

3. New Business

- The Board certified fifteen Mail Ballot Applications on three Certification sheets for the November Election. N. Mello volunteered to take the trip to the B.O.E. stating there is going to be a need to go to the B.O.E. on a weekly basis until the election.
- N. Mello stated an advertisement to recruit poll workers has been placed in the Sakonnet Times and flyers has been put up around the Town Hall and at a few other places in Town. The results of the flyers has been good. N. Mello stated it is mandatory for all poll workers to go to training. She would like the Board Members to put a listing together of things to stress to the workers at the training session at THS on October 28th. For example, stressing no comments about the candidates, no campaigning, and dinners are to be taken in intervals.

4. Board Member Items

- The Board reviewed the Providence Journal's article dated Sunday, October 5, 2014 entitled "Voter Polls Don't Add Up." N. Mello stated that part of the reason why the percentages are so high is that when people move they don't always notify the Town to remove them from the voter lists. The issue will need to be looked into further. Often takes a lot of time and work for research to be done to get ineligible voters removed from the list, they are not automatically removed. They are inactive after two federal elections if they don't vote but they are not taken off the canvass.
- N. Mello suggested the BOC have the newspapers write an article as to the reasons behind Local

Question #8 and the Amendment to the Tiverton Home Rule Charter regarding the FTR. It would be good to have the views of the BOC as to why they recommended the change in days from third Tuesday of the May to the third Saturday of May. The local question is at the bottom on the back side of the ballot and can easily be overlooked with the State ballot questions.

- D. Moran mentioned the flyer for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to be held on Friday, October 17, 2014 at the Senior Center. This appreciation dinner is for both past and present volunteers. D. Moran stated it's a wonderful thing and will give you a chance to meet others with similar interests. The reception is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

There being no further business a motion was made by Mr. Amaral and seconded by D. Moran to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Bobby J. Harris, Chair _____ DeEtta M. Moran, Vice Chair _____

Paul Amaral, member _____ Jean M. Veegh, alternate _____

A True Copy: Attest _____ Nancy L. Mello, Town Clerk