

**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 June 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

Vice Chair DeEtta Moran-present  
Town Clerk-Nancy Mello-present  
Clerk Kathleen Wood-present

Invited Guests: Nancy Driggs and Jeffrey Caron members of the former Financial Town Meeting Changes Advisory Committee

Chair Mr. Harris called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**1. Review and Approve minutes:**

- Approval of minutes of May 22, 2014

A motion was made by Mr. Amaral, seconded by Ms. Moran to accept the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of minutes of June 13, 2014

The minutes of the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were not yet available for review.

**2. Discussion and Vote to Forward Request for Ballot Question to Town Council Regarding Change of Date of Financial Town Referendum:**

Ms. Driggs & Mr. Caron submitted 2 proposals for changing the date of the FTR.

- Move the FTR from the third Tuesday in May to the second Saturday in May and increase the Runoff preparation time from 14 days to 21 days.
- Move the FTR from the third Tuesday in May to the third Saturday in May

There was a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of both options. Tiverton Tax Assessor, David Robert said the second Saturday in May is not a problem unless it is a revaluation year, when time might be tight to meet any assessment data deadlines. His preference would be the third Saturday in May to give a cushion should there be any processing delays. David Perry, chair of the Budget Committee had been contacted for his preference. He has no problem with the changes, and prefers the latest date possible. Mr. Caron stated that if the date were changed to the second Saturday in May and a runoff was required 21 days after the FTR, the High School might not be available the first weekend in June because of graduation activities. A motion was made by Ms. Moran and seconded by Mr. Amaral to change the FTR to the third Saturday in May. The language to be placed on the ballot in November is as follows:

*Shall the Tiverton Town Charter be amended to reflect a change in the date of the Financial Town Referendum from the third Tuesday in May to the third Saturday in May?*

The information will be forward to the Town Council for public hearing in July.

**As determined by Ms. Driggs and Mr. Caron, the following are the sections affected by the proposed Charter changes:**

**ARTICLE III FINANCIAL TOWN REFERENDUM**

**Section 301 Budget, Tax Levy, and Resolution Adoption Process**

**(a) Schedule**

**19.) Financial Town Referendum: The Financial Town Referendum shall occur on the third Tuesday Saturday in May.**

**(f) Financial Town Referendum**

**3.) Time: The Financial Town Referendum shall be held on the third ~~Tuesday~~ Saturday in May and poll hours shall be the same as those used for a general election. Absentee ballots shall be permitted.**

**3. Board Member Items:**

Ms. Moran reminded the Board of the Voter I.D. drive being planned by the Secretary of State’s Office. Since Rhode Island Law now requires voters to have picture identification, the Secretary of State, Elections divisions is arranging to have Voter I.D. drives in all cities and towns. They will be issuing free of charge, picture ID’s. They are requesting locations in Tiverton at which to have those drives. The following locations were suggested:

- Tiverton Senior Center, 207 Canonicus St
- Sakonnet Bay Manor, 1215 Main Rd
- Tiverton Housing Authority, 99 Hancock St
- Countryview Estates, 325 Hurst Ln
- Sandywoods Farm, 43 Muse Way

Ms. Wood will contact the above locations. Those interested in hosting the Voter I.D. drive will be put in touch with the Secretary of State’s Office.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Amaral and seconded by Ms. Moran. The motion passed unanimously. The Board adjourned at 9:40 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