

**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 Monday, April 6, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Bobby J Harris-present
Member Paul Amaral-present
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:

- a) Approval March 18, 2015 Minutes
A motion was made by D. Moran, and seconded by P. Amaral to accept the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

2. New Business

- a) FTR Planning – The board members discussed the possibility and probability of the Ballot being double sided due to Resolutions. The Town Council has three Resolutions and the Budget Committee has seven N. Mello stated. The Poll Workers will need to be told in training class that they should mention that fact the ballot is double sided as they distribute the ballots to the voters. The Board of Canvassers will need to assist by posting additional signage on the individual polling booths. N. Mello stated petitions should be available on Tuesday. (The deadline is Friday availability.) If any alternative Petitions come the clerk will email the Board Members to make them aware. The Financial Town Hearing (FTH) is scheduled to be held on Thursday, April 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the Tiverton High School Auditorium on 100 North Brayton Road.

D. Moran questioned if there was a need for Student Greeters? N. Mello stated she wasn't sure if they would be needed due to the one polling location and unsure of how controversial the election will be. But stated maybe we could contact the high school to request students in need of community service hours. D. Moran liked that idea and would like the students to be involved.

- b) Poll Worker Meals - A discussion was had regarding the meals for the Poll Workers. Board members are concerned with the time it takes them to pick up the hot meals and bring them back to the workers. The workers cannot all have dinner at the same time making the meals at best lukewarm. Therefore, it is not very cost effective and maybe sandwich platters would be a better alternative. P. Amaral stated having cold meals might be okay in May but may not be in November. N. Mello stated it is difficult to keep good and reliable workers and doesn't want to lose anyone over a meal. The general cost per meal has been ten dollars which includes a drink. D. Moran made a motioned for the Board of Canvassers to do a platter or mass meal choice not

individual choice menu for meals as tracking who and which polling location the meal goes to is difficult. The board members will do a little more research and get various pricing. P. Amaral seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously to get more information and cost for the next meeting.

- c) Board of Elections Equipment Request – N. Mello stated utilizing a copy of last year’s request we will probably order 4000 ballots as we did in the prior year. If things get more controversial, we could always add more ballots if necessary. She will contact the Board of Elections to check on pricing. Four Eagles will be requested - two for the Tiverton High School, one for the Town Hall and one spare.
- d) The Clerk will request that two Eagles be delivered directly to the high school. The Eagles will need to be put in a secured and locked area as always and be put back in the secured locked area at the end of the night of the election. N. Mello stated that shouldn’t be a problem since it is necessary for us to be paying a school janitor to be there on Saturday during with the election. Town employees or Board of Elections will pick up the equipment on Monday after the election. Set up will take place the night before the election on Friday, May 15th.
- e) The Town Clerk will put in a request with the Town Administrator and Director of Public Works to request town employees to assist with the setup of the election equipment.

3. Board Member Items

- a) N. Mello announced the passing of a long-time friend and member of the Board of Elections that trained our poll workers over the years, Steve Quirk.
- b) N. Mello announced that the Herald News has a new reporter for our area.

There being no further business a motion was made by P. Amaral and seconded by J. Veegh to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 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