

**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 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.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 2:00 p.m.

**1. Review and Approve Minutes:**

- a) April 6, 2015 Minutes – Continued not ready

**2. New Business**

- a) FTR Discussion – The board members engaged in a brief discussion regarding the up and coming Financial Town Referendum. Discussing the amount of poll workers scheduled to work the day of the election (Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>) and on the absentee voting days prior to the election (Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>). A total of eleven poll workers are scheduled to work the day of the election and four for each absentee voting day.

The meals were discussed, J Veegh stated pricing at Tom’s Market for a platter of sandwiches, chips, and cheese platter was reasonable and volunteered her time to pick it up along with a case of water. Questioning the possibility of using the Town’s coffee pot. N. Mello offered the use of her own coffee maker. N. Mello requested that Family Ties also be considered and pricing be checked for a similar meal selection as they have been very good to us. N. Mello also requested that before platters are ordered, she would like to discuss the changes and ideas with the poll workers when they come in for training on May 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>.

- b) Lottery Petition Order – Not applicable. N. Mello stated that there was only one alternate budget a.k.a. Elector’s Petition submitted by the April 18<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. deadline, therefore a lottery was not necessary. Stating as the Town Charter stipulates, the Budget Committee’s recommendations will come first on the ballot. If multiple Elector’s Petitions were submitted the lottery would be amongst those submitted by the deadline with the required number (50) signatures.
- c) The board members certified the Elector’s Petition signatures, with a qualifying total of 140.
- d) The board members certified the Elector’s Petition for the Ballot.

- e) The board members certified the Budget Committee’s Resolution for the Ballot. (Note, there were no Resolutions for the Elector’s Petition.) N. Mello stated the Budget Committee will be at the Hearing on April 30<sup>th</sup> to explain their Budget Proposal and Resolutions and logic behind the proposal. Adding that although it is not required by Charter, Mr. Katz will be there to explain his Elector’s Petition for an alternate budget.
- f) The board members certified the Budget Committee’s Proposal for the Ballot. And,
- g) Certified the Ballot Wording. N. Mello stated it is probable that the Ballot will be double-sided considering the number of resolutions and wordiness. She has notified the Board of Elections of the up and coming FTR, requesting the use of 4 Eagles (which includes one spare) and 4,000 ballots. She will submit/email the scanned Certified Ballot wording as soon as possible, so they can begin the ballot process.
- h) The board members certified two certification sheets for seventeen Absentee Mail Ballot Applications.

**3. Board Member Items**

- a) N. Mello stated police detail probably won’t be necessary due to the one voting location (Tiverton High School) saving election funds.

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 3:10 p.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