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BOARD OF REGISTRARS
February 1, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Registrars was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 via Zoom.

Present for the meeting Town Clerk Kandy Lavallee, Assistant Town Clerk Paul Cook, Registrars Daniel Fitzgerald and Chester Jakubiak.

The meeting was called to order at 10:12AM.

Ms. Lavallee provided an update on Early Voting and Vote by Mail. Based on past elections experience, Ms. Lavallee informed the board she would present to the Select Board a recommendation for Vote by Mail over in-person Early Voting.

A discussion took place regarding a policy for election worker training programs and Registrar attendance at these programs as well as clerk's conferences. Mr. Fitzgerald stated he would like to see Registrars included in all Town of Grafton poll worker training. Ms. Lavallee stated the 2023 election worker training is scheduled for Monday, April 10 at 5:30PM. A motion was made to pass over this agenda item. The motion was seconded. The chair declared the motion passed over.

A discussion took place regarding a policy for Town Meeting attendees who lose their voting clickers and request a new clicker. The purpose of the policy is to eliminate the potential risk of double voting. Mr. Fitzgerald stated he witnessed a scenario where an attendee at the October 2022 Town Meeting returned to the check-in table claiming they lost their clicker and requested a new one. Ms. Lavallee stated she would question the workers at the Town Meeting to investigate what exactly transpired.

A related discussion took place regarding the posting and signing of "zero tapes" at polling locations prior to the start of voting. Ms. Lavallee advised she would make a note to address election staff regarding this procedure.

A discussion took place regarding the appointment of poll workers and their duties. Mr. Fitzgerald voiced concerns over poll workers being passed over for work assignments by Precinct Wardens. Ms. Lavallee explained she has a record of accepting all poll workers that apply to the Town. She also explained that expected workload plays a role in poll workers activation. Ms. Lavallee assured Mr. Fitzgerald that if she is made aware of an issue affecting poll workers, she would address it.

A discussion took place regarding the posting of unofficial election results the night of an election. Mr. Fitzgerald inquired about the possibility of providing preliminary election results on the night of the election, after polls close. Ms. Lavalley advises she will look into it. Mr. Jakubiak states it is not so important to be quick.

Mr. Jakubiak made a motion to approve the July 28 Board of Registrar meeting minutes. The motion was seconded. The approved minutes passed.

Mr. Jakubiak made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:49AM.