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April 13, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Registrars was held on Thursday, April 13, 2023, in conference room A.

Present for the meeting Town Clerk Kandy Lavallee, Registrars Daniel Fitzgerald and Chester Jakubiak. Also in attendance were Amy Marr and Greg Marr.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Chair of the Board, Chester Jakubiak and mentioned we have important topics to discuss at our meeting. He also addressed his health issues and thanked everyone for their well wishes.

Attendees discussed In Person Voting for the Local Election. Discussions included impacts such as sharing the gymnasium with Recreation, cost for paying election staff to work early voting, data on early voting.

Registrar Daniel Fitzgerald wanted to discuss locations and interruption and the mail in ballot process and when ballots are mailed out.

Registrar Chester Jakubiak asked about demographics on age if information was available.

Attendee Amy Marr spoke on early voting and not offering early voting for this election.

Attendee and Warden for Precinct 2, Greg Marr, spoke on early voting and turn out at in person early voting. Inconsistency on hours for voting with local and state/federal elections.

Registrar Fitzgerald discussed the cost benefit analysis and if there was a lower turn out or not and polling election workers on it. Other impacts that reduced turn out such as COVID, mail in options, 24 hour drop off. Only one person reached out about having in person early voting when discussed at the Select Board meeting. Mr. Fitzgerald noted the Select Board are politicians and Registrars are not here to promote, they are here to look at costs, turnout, etc.

After the discussion on early voting, the Board took a vote to not hold early voting for the Local Election in 2022. Registrar Fitzgerald made the motion to not off early voting for the Town of Grafton for the Local Election in 2022.

Town Clerk Kandy Lavalley seconded the motion.

The vote to not hold in person early voting was unanimous by all Board members.

Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion to accept the minutes from November 21, 2022, January 24, 2023, February 1, 2023, and February 21, 2023.

Ms. Lavalley seconded the motion.

Mr. Fitzgerald suggested making changes to the February 1, 2023, minutes and made a motion to amend the minutes as printed.

Mr. Jakubiak seconded the motion.

The Board approved the minutes as written.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and was seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 am.