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Board of Civil Authority Meeting

November 13, 2018

BCA Member's present: Chair Teresa Smith, Paul Sokal, Diana Raphael, Janet Gibbs, Jamie Dayton, Gretchen Bailey, Howard Hall, and Town Treasurer/Clerk Pam Correia.

At 6:03pm, Chair Teresa Smith called the meeting to order.

2. Paul Sokal stated that he would like to add to the agenda to discuss brief observations about counting the General Election vote.

3. Paul Sokal moved to approve the January 23, 2018 minutes. Howard Hall seconded. The motion passed. Paul Sokal stated that in Item #6 there is a spelling error where insite is misspelled. Howard Hall moved to approve the amended minutes. Gretchen Bailey seconded. Diana Raphael abstained. The motion passed.

3.5 Process Review - Paul Sokal stated that the Board needs to develop a recipe about how to do an election process and have a document to help begin the process. He stated that it is his understanding that when the vote was being counted, the towns of Waltham and Addison finished counting before Panton did. He stated that he would like to ask the Board to authorize Town Treasurer/Clerk Pam Correia to contact Addison and Waltham about their results being counted earlier and if they have written procedures that they can share. Howard Hall stated that he would also be interested in Weybridge if they counted the same way without a machine. Pam stated that the Town of Addison does have a machine and Diana Raphael added that Waltham has fewer voters each of which contributes to finishing the count earlier. Diana stated that by counting the ballots in groups of 20 also made more work for Town Treasurer/Clerk Pam Correia. Paul stated that he would like the Board to meet again to continue with the procedures and ask Pam to send an email to organize another meeting. Brief discussion followed regarding the voter turnout at the General Election and the voting hours.

4. Public Comment - There were no public comments.

5. Review of Voter Checklist - The Board reviewed the current checklist and change audit for new voters, deceased voters, voters that may need to be challenged due to a move from Pantan, and any address changes within the Town of Pantan. Diana Raphael wondered about the mailing addresses as opposed to the physical addresses and the legality of this. The Board of Civil Authority, after review of the checklist, passed along to Town Treasurer/Clerk Pam Correia a list of names they would like to challenge and other deceased voters that should be removed from the checklist. Paul Sokal moved to authorize Town Treasurer/Clerk Pam Correia to remove the deceased parties from the voter checklist, Janet Gibbs seconded. The motion passed. Teresa Smith stated that she would like to meet before the first or second Selectboard meeting in January to continue going over election procedures. Teresa Smith moved to have a Board of Civil Authority meeting on January 8, 2019 at 5:30pm in front of the regular Selectboard meeting. Paul Sokal seconded. The motion passed.

At 6:39pm, Teresa Smith, moved to adjourn the meeting. Paul Sokal seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Correia
Town Treasurer/Clerk