



## ***Town of Panton Chartered 1761***

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Board of Civil Authority Meeting

January 8, 2019

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

Paul Sokal moved to nominate Howard Hall as Chair Pro Tem, Gretchen Bailey seconded. The motion passed.

At 5:42pm, Howard Hall called the meeting to order.

2. Paul Sokal moved to approve the November 13, 2018 minutes, with noted corrections. Howard Hall stated that on Page 1, Howard Hall and Pam Correia should be listed as part of the BCA members present. Also on Page 1, he stated that Diane Raphael should be written as Diana Raphael. Paul Sokal stated that on Page 2, Item #5 "Paul Sokal authorized" should read as "Paul Sokal moved to authorize". Howard Hall seconded the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion passed.

3. Public Comment - There were no public comments.

4. Election Procedures – Paul Sokal advised that Paula Moore offered to help compose election procedures that are more comprehensible than what they already had. The Board discussed the entrance and exit procedure.

Jamie Dayton joined the meeting.

The Board discussed the potential ramifications of doing away with the exit checklist or keeping it and placing it in a separate location. Janet Gibbs and Gretchen Bailey conveyed that they would be in favor of continuing with an exit checklist. The Board was in consensus. The Board discussed the idea of counting the total number of ballots ahead of time to determine the total number of initial unused ballots before voting began. The Board members offered to come in

days ahead of time to do this procedure. More discussion followed about how to add to the election procedure to elaborate on the counting process. The Board discussed changing the voting hours from 9am-7pm to 7am-7pm on election days. The Board stated that they would like to talk about this again at a future meeting. The use of tally sheets was discussed and the Board stated they are happy using the same tally sheets as used for the General Election. The Board wondered about involving the Republican party in the count. Jamie Dayton suggested revisiting the question in order to make it more inclusionary.

The Board stated that they would like to meet again on January 22, 2019 at 5:30pm to continue the discussion regarding election procedures.

At 6:30pm, Paul Sokal moved to adjourn the meeting. Jamie Dayton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Correia  
Town Treasurer/Clerk