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Board of Civil Authority Meeting

July 7, 2020

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

At 5:02pm, Teresa Smith called the meeting to order.

2. Appointment of BCA Chair – Howard Hall nominated Teresa Smith for Chair of the Board of Civil Authority, Jamie Dayton seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

3. There were no additions, removals, or adjustments to the agenda.

4. Howard Hall moved to approve the February 25, 2020 minutes, with no corrections. Gary DiBlasio seconded. Paul Sokal abstained. All in favor, the motion passed.

5. Public Comment - There were no public comments.

6. Change in Polling Place – The Board of Civil Authority discussed the upcoming August 11, 2020 Primary and moving the election to the Panton Town Garage to conduct a drive-thru vote as a safe alternative to voting in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The BCA further discussed how the process would work and the flow pattern for vehicles. The Board also discussed meeting prior to the August 11, 2020 Primary to open early absentee ballots and agreed meeting would be a wise idea in anticipation of the high volume of early absentee ballots that could be received. Pam Correia added that the process would mean opening the outside envelope, sorting early voter absentee ballots, determining that the certificate has been properly completed and signed, checking the name of the early voter off the entrance checklist, and placing the certificate envelopes into a secure container marked “checked in early voter absentee ballots to be transported to the polling place on election day. With no further discussion, Jamie Dayton moved to meet on Thursday, August 6, 2020 before elections to process absentee ballots and move the polling place for the August 11, 2020 primary election to the Town Garage, Howard Hall seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

7. There were no further communications.

At 5:35pm, Teresa Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Howard Hall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Correia
Town Treasurer/Clerk