



**BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
OF JANUARY 31, 2024**

Members: Donald Blake, Don McDowell, Ed Wilson, Jane Foster*, Judy Bickford, Leah Hollenberger, Monte Mason, Richard Craig, Shelley Nolan, Siri Rooney*, Urban Martin, Yvette Mason, and Sara Haskins (Clerk).

Absent: Aimee Towne, Darcie Abbene, Chris Palermo, Julia Compagna, Laura Streets, Shap Smith

Guest:

participating via zoom*

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Ed Wilson called the Board of Civil Authority meeting to order at 6:32 PM at the Morrystown Municipal Building.

AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

None

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of November 2, 2023

Motion made by Judy Bickford to approve the minutes of November 2, 2023. Motion seconded by Donnie Blake. Motion carried. (11/0/2) Judy Bickford & Yvette Mason abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss polling hours and locations for 2024

Sara Haskins shared a flier she made stating all the 2024 election dates, polling locations, hours and absentee ballot information. It is posted to the Town website and on social media. All elections in 2024 will be 7-7 except for the August state primary, which will be 8-7 as it has been in years past. All elections will take place at the Morrystown Municipal Building except for the School floor meeting and the Village annual meeting as has been in the past.

2. Appoint Election Officials for 2024

Motion made by Judy Bickford to appoint all Morrystown registered voters designated by the Town Clerk to be election officials. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried. (13/0)

3. Discuss upcoming elections

The Board discussed the upcoming March elections. Sara Haskins reminded the Board that voters will have to publicly declare the party ballot they wish to vote for the Presidential Primary whereas in

August they will be given all party ballots and can choose in private which to vote on. Sara shared information regarding the election security training she and Mitzi Fleming took that week. Sara will be sending out a google form to see when people are available to work at the election and processing absentee ballots.

4. Appoint JOP to deliver annual meeting ballots

Judy Bickford and Ed Wilson volunteered to deliver ballots to ill or physically disabled voters.

5. Review checklist changes

Sara Haskins presented a list of changes to the voter checklist since the last time reviewed on October 25, 2023. There have been 92 new voter registrations, 76 voters challenged, 27 voters purged and 30 voters transferred to other towns in Vermont. There are currently 4193 voters on the checklist. The BCA reviewed the changes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ed Wilson thanked Sara Haskins for organizing the first Community Meeting Day.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Don McDowell to adjourn. Motion seconded by Shelley Nolan. Motion carried. (13/0)

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Submitted and filed this XX.

Sara Haskins, Clerk

Please note all minutes are in Draft form and are subject to approval at the next Board of Civil Authority meeting.