



BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING January 19, 2022

The Board of Civil Authority of the Town of Morristown, notified and warned, met in the Conference Room at the Municipal Office Building, 43 Portland Street in said town on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

BCA Members present:

Justice of the Peace: Andrea Beeman (zoom), Brent Paine, Donald Blake, Ed Wilson, Monte Mason, Shap Smith, Shelley Nolan, Siri Rooney (zoom) and Urban Martin

Selectboard: Bob Beeman (zoom), Judy Bickford (zoom), and Gary Nolan

Clerk: Sara Haskins

- Ed Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.
- The Board discussed feedback from the Special Town Meeting on December 7, 2021. All feedback received was positive.
- Sara Haskins shared that the Selectboard voted to use the Australian ballot system for the 2022 Annual School Meeting as allowed by S.172 and that they also voted to automatically mail all active registered voters their ballots but not to include return postage. Additionally she shared statistics from the past few elections when all voters were automatically mailed their ballots comparing the number of ballots returned via absentee/early voting vs the number of people who came to vote in person. **Shelley Nolan made a motion to set the polling place location for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting to be the Morristown Municipal Building at 43 Portland Street with the polling hours of 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM. Urban Martin seconded it. Motion passed 13/0.**
- The Board discussed the upcoming Annual Town Meeting and the pros and cons of all Australian ballot voting for town meeting vs traditional floor voting and discussion. Ed Wilson expressed his concerns with the automatic mailing of ballots to all active voters. Sara Haskins shared she will prepare for a similar format as the past special election in December and will need similar help as that. Ed Wilson & Judy Bickford agreed to bring ballots to any sick or disabled voters that request them.
- Sara Haskins presented a list of changes to the voter checklist since the last time reviewed on October 23, 2021. There have been 66 new voter registrations, 99 voters challenged, 48 voters purged and 34 voters transferred to other towns in Vermont. The BCA reviewed the changes.

- Under other business the BCA briefly discussed the status of the reapportionment. Sara Haskins has not had any official notification from the Reapportionment Board regarding the status of redistricting or the need for BCA further review.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM upon motion by Urban Martin and seconded by Judy Bickford.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 21 day of January, 2022.
Sara Haskins, Clerk- Board of Civil Authority