



**BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
OF JANUARY 12, 2023**

Members: Andrea Beeman*, Donald Blake, Ed Wilson, Julia Compagna*, Monte Mason, Richard Craig, Shelley Nolan, Urban Martin, Bob Beeman*, Brian Kellogg, Judy Bickford, Don McDowell, Sara Haskins

Absent: Aimee Towne, Brent Paine, Darcie Abbene, David McAllister, Siri Rooney, Shap Smith, Jessica Graham, Brian Yeaton

GUESTS: Yvette Mason & Leah Hollenberger

**participating via Zoom*

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Ed Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM at the Morristown Municipal Building.

AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

None.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of 11-03-2022

Motion made by Shelley Nolan to approve the minutes of November 3, 2022. Motion seconded by Donnie Blake. Motion carried. (13/0)

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Accept Town of Morristown personnel & social media policies

Sara Haskins distributed copies of the current Town of Morristown personnel and social media policies to the Justice of the Peace members. All members need to review and sign an acknowledgement of them and if they have questions they should contact Paula Beattie, HR Director.

2. Set polling hours and locations for 2023

Motion made by Ed Wilson to set the polling location for all future Annual Town Meetings to be the Peoples Academy High School gym beginning at 9:00 AM, all local Australian Ballot elections and the August Statewide Primary to be at the Morristown Municipal Building from 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM, and all Presidential Primaries & General Elections to be at the Morristown Municipal Building from 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (13/0)

3. Appoint Election Officials for 2023

Motion made by Bob Beeman to appoint all Morristown registered voters designated by the Town Clerk to be election officials. Motion seconded by Shelley Nolan. Motion carried (13/0).

4. Discuss upcoming elections

The Board discussed the upcoming annual meetings. Sara Haskins shared that the emergency legislation that allowed the Selectboard to move annual meeting to all Australian Ballot has expired. This year annual meeting will once again be a floor vote at the school for most articles including the budget and an Australian ballot for Selectboard members. There is currently pending legislation that would enable a Selectboard to vote to continue the emergency legislation one more year. Sara will let the Board know if the legislation passed and if the Selectboard votes to adopt it. Sara Haskins handed out a calendar of key election preparation dates and will create a Google survey for everyone to sign up to work the election.

5. Appoint JOP to deliver annual meeting ballots

Ed Wilson & Judy Bickford agreed to bring ballots to any sick or disabled voters who request them. The Board also discussed the possibility of once again offering a mobile polling location at Copley Terrace.

6. Review checklist changes

Sara Haskins presented a list of changes to the voter checklist since the last time reviewed on November 2, 2022. There are currently 4253 on the checklist, there have been 90 new voter registrations, 54 voters challenged, 34 voters purged and 42 voters transferred to other towns in Vermont. The BCA reviewed the changes.

Motion made by Donald McDowell to accept the changes as presented. Motion seconded by Shelley Nolan. Motion carried. (13/0)

OTHER BUSINESS

Sara Haskins thanked Brent Paine, Andrea Beeman & David McAllister for their time on the Board and service to the community. She also welcomed Yvette Mason, Leah Hollenberger & Jane Foster to the Board. Their terms will begin on February 1, 2023.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Shelley Nolan to adjourn. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (13/0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

Submitted and filed this January 15, 2023

Sara Haskins, Clerk

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