

MINUTES
Board of Registrars' Meeting
October 29, 2019
10:00 a.m.
City Hall Room 208

Present: Patricia Lucier, Susan Waye and Gwen Mikailov. Also Present City Clerk Susan Lovering

1. P. Lucier called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.
2. S. Waye moved to accept the minutes of Board of Registrars' meeting of August 28, 2019. Seconded by G. Mikailov. Motion passed.
3. S. Waye moved to accept the City Clerk's report of deletions, additions and corrections to the checklist. Seconded by G. Mikailov. Motion passed.
4. S. Waye moved to certify the checklist to be used for the November 5, 2019 Municipal General Election. Seconded by G. Mikailov. Motion passed.

City Clerk S. Lovering noted that Saturday, October 26, 2019, was the last day to register voters prior to the general municipal election. The office was open from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, and three residents came into the office to register.

Discussion briefly ensued regarding early voting and absentee voting. P. Lucier stated that early voting was not recognized in the State of New Hampshire. S. Lovering reported that the City Clerk's Office had notified the nursing homes and offered to register voters on site and/or deliver absentee ballots. To date, the office had visited Langdon Place and The Huntington. P. Lucier recalled previous difficulties scheduling times with Greenbriar and recommended the City Clerk call the office to establish a deadline in an effort to curtail last minute requests.

5. G. Mikailov moved to appoint the following as Deputy Voter Registrars for the November 5, 2019 Municipal General Election; seconded by S. Waye:

Ward 1 Carol Rioux; Ward 2 Meghan Brady and Janeth Orozco Sanchez; Ward 3 Patricia Mullin and Joan Connacher; Ward 4 Robert Fonden and Migdalia Padilla; Ward 5 Vicki Meagher and Judith Vowels; Ward 6, Sandie Saint; Ward 7, Jeannine Gagnon and Gloria Fulgoni; Ward 8 Roy Goodman and Michele Edington and Ward 9. William Cobb and Robert Lemay

Motion passed.

6. Other business.

Discussion ensued regarding Voter Registration Drives at the two public high schools. G. Mikailov recalled last April, Dr. Mosley informed her that the Board of Education was scheduled to consider and vote on a policy regarding these registration drives in May of 2019. Since she had not heard anything further, G. Mikailov recently inquired with school administration and was informed the Board of Education had not yet considered the policy.

Discussion then turned to whether or not the drives should be held in the month of April. P. Lucier stated that all permits issued by the City Clerk's Office expired annually in April. This, coupled with the fact that the office also renews over 11,000 dog licenses in April, places a strain on manpower resources. G. Mikailov also noted there could be lower turnout if the drives were held in May because seniors were busy with finals, year-end festivities and preparing for graduation. The Board, therefore, recommended the registration drives be held the first week in May following April vacation. G. Mikailov offered to coordinate the drives with school faculty members and volunteered to work at both drives with City Clerk Lovering.

Discussion then turned to uploading the minutes of the Board of Registrars meetings on the website. City Clerk Lovering to scan and upload the minutes after the general election.

The Board of Registrars agreed to wait until the Presidential Primary Date is set by the Secretary of State before scheduling its next meeting. Ms. Lovering to notify the Board when she receives notification from the state.

7. Adjournment. There being no further business before the Board, G. Mikailov moved to adjourn. Seconded by S. Waye. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 10:55 a.m.