

Board of Civil Authority
Bennington, VT

Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2017

Members Present: Cassie Barbeau, Barbara Bluto, Jim Marsden, Mary Morrissey, Marjorie Robinson, John Santarcangelo, David Shaffe and Kayla Thompson

Purpose of Meeting: Reorganization, Town Meeting

** Meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM by David Shaffe.

** Cassie Barbeau, Town Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to all Justices who hadn't already done so.

* *Mary Morrissey nominated David Shaffe to be Board Chair, seconded by Jim Marsden, motion passed unanimously.

** Mary Morrissey nominated Cassie Barbeau to be Vice-Chair, seconded by John Santarcangelo, motion passed unanimously.

** Mary Morrissey nominated Michele Hogan to be presiding officer of the North Bennington polling place on March 7th seconded by Cassie Barbeau, motion passed unanimously.

* *Barbara Bluto made the motion to have the March 7th polling hours from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, seconded by Mary Morrissey, motion passed unanimously.

* *Cassie discussed the new Election laws pertinent to the Board. Absentee ballots can now be run through the voting machine the day before the election. Although there is extra security measures needed, the option must be warned to voters according to the normal warning timeline. Therefore, Cassie would like the board to vote to use this option if necessary. Barbara Bluto made the motion for absentees to be run through the machine on March 6th at the Town Clerk's discretion, seconded by Mary Morrissey, motion passed unanimously.

* *Cassie also discussed same day voter registration and the new automatic voter registration at DMV and the problems it has caused.

* *Cassie presented the biennial challenge list to the Board for their consideration. After the members have had an opportunity to review the list and remove any names who they know still remain at the registered addresses, letters will be sent inquiring to the voters' residency and voter eligibility.

* *With no further business, Mary Morrissey made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Marsden, motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cassandra Barbeau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Cassandra Barbeau
Vice Chair