

Board of Civil Authority
Bennington, VT

Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2020

Members Present: Cassandra Barbeau, Jeanne Conner, Tom Haley III, Michele Hogan, Jackie Kelly, Albert Krawczyk, Brian Maroney Jr., James Marsden, Mary Morrissey, David Shaffe and Kayla Thompson

Purpose of Meeting: To discuss upcoming March Town/School Meetings and Presidential Primary.

**Meeting called to order by Board Chair, David Shaffe, at 5:02 PM.

**Mary Morrissey made the motion to set polling hours for March 3, 2020 from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, seconded by Albert Krawczyk, motion passed unanimously.

**Mary Morrissey made the motion to appoint Michele Hogan as presiding officer for the North Bennington polling place, seconded by Jim Marsden, motion passed unanimously.

**Cassie passed around a sample of what the checklist will look like for March 3rd, as it will include both elections on one check-in. Board members were familiarized with the process since it has been four years since we have had such an election. Members were also reminded voters can choose to only vote in one election and not both.

**Brian Maroney Jr. expressed frustration with a couple of community members who are claiming the Clerk's Office and the Board is conducting fraudulent practices.

**There was general discussion from all members that although these community members may not agree with some of the State and Federal election laws, all of our practices are dictated by those laws and we are in full compliance with those laws. Mary Morrissey and David Shaffe also reiterated that the Secretary of State has publicly supported our work after his office had investigated all of the claims from those residents. No action will be taken.

**With no further business, Mary Morrissey made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Marsden, motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cassandra Barbeau
Bennington Town Clerk