

Board of Civil Authority  
Bennington, VT

Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2020

Members Present: Jerry Albert, Cassie Barbeau, Barbara Bluto, Jeanne Conner, Tom Haley III, Michele Hogan, Jackie Kelly, Albert Krawczyk, Bruce Lee-Clark, Brian Maroney Jr., Jim Marsden, Anne Mook, Mary Morrissey, Warren Roaf, Marjorie Robinson, David Shaffe, Anna Kinney Swierad, and Kayla Thompson

Purpose of Meeting: Discuss 2020 Elections & COVID-19 changes

\*\*Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by Tom Haley III, Vice Chair

\*\*Cassie explained after discussion with Michele Hogan, North Bennington presiding officer, that social distancing is just not possible in the North Bennington polling place after various election supplies are placed in the room. Cassie also explained the expected large absentee vote and the educational materials the Secretary of State will likely put out for encouraging voters to vote early via absentee ballot. There was further discussion regarding the expected mailing of ballots for the November General election by the Secretary of State.

\*\*Mary Morrissey made the motion to have one polling place, the Bennington Fire Facility, for the 2020 elections, seconded by Anne Mook. Motion passed by majority.

\*\*There was further discussion about voter outreach by the Town Clerk's Office to notify North Bennington residents of this temporary change. Such as postcards, front porch forum, etc. Cassie also answered questions from Board members regarding how best to handle social distancing issues at the polls, cleaning, etc. All are coming together slowly with guidance from the Secretary of State.

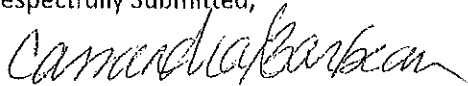
\*\*Mary Morrissey made the motion to have polling hours from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM for both the August Primary and the November General Election, seconded by Bruce Lee-Clark, motion passed unanimously.

\*\*Cassie reminded elected Justices they will need to caucus with their parties for nomination to the General Election ballot. She will keep members posted as to dates of caucus.

\*\*With no further business, Anne Mook made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom Haley III.

\*\*Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cassandra Barbeau  
Bennington Town Clerk