



**Town of Paxton
Board of Registrars Meeting
August 3rd, 2022 7:00pm
MINUTES**

Location: Town Hall 697 Pleasant Street, Paxton

Members Present: Laurie Becker, David Stoica, Scott Dziewietin, Jennifer Bridgers

LB motioned to open the meeting at 7pm. SD seconded. All in favor.

Jennifer Bridgers, the new Board of Registrar member, was introduced to the Board. It was confirmed that she had been sworn in.

The board reviewed the minutes from the 5/4/2022 meeting. LB motioned to approve the draft minutes from the 5/4/2022 with a correction to the spelling of SD's last name. SD 2nd. LB, DS, and SD voted favorably. JB abstained. The board reviewed the minutes from the 5/16/2022 meeting. LB motioned to approve the draft minutes from the 5/16/2022 meeting with a correction to the spelling of SD's last name. SD 2nd. LB, DS and SD voted favorably. JB abstained.

LB made a motion to reorganize the BOR with DS as chair, SD as vice-chair and LB as clerk. JB seconded the motion. All in favor. The required paperwork was filled out to file.

There was general discussion on the role of the Board of Registrars. LB will email the Board the latest version of the Election Resource Handbook from the Secretary of State's office as well as Michelle Tassinari's (State Election attorney) advisory on new Election Laws and the Votes Act (Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2022) so they have all the most current information on election laws. It was discussed that while many acts of the BOR are infrequent, they are typically time sensitive.

Primary role of the Board of Registrars – assisting with the annual census/street list, signing petitions/nomination papers, supervise recounts, assist in the Town Clerk's office on Election day & check in voters at ATM.

Note: It is no longer required for the BOR to sign AV ballot applications. This was confirmed at the state level.

The Board decided to schedule a meeting of the BOR on 11/18 at 5:15pm to count the UOCAVA Ballots.

Important updates on election laws:

- The last day to register to vote is now 10 days before an election or meeting.
- Early voting in person is now required for State Elections. The Board of Selectmen vote on the hours.
- Early voting in person for local elections is an opt in option. Early Voting by mail for local elections is an opt out option.

The Board was informed of the proposed EV hours that the BOS will be voting on.

LB made a motion that the BOR authorize the office employees of the Town Clerk's office, including the Town Clerk, to perform all the actions required by 950 CMR 55.02 and by M.G.L c. 53 § 7. SD 2nd. This vote would allow the Town Clerk's office to certify petition/nomination papers. The Board could then come and sign the papers separately without having to post a meeting each time. The BOR voted unanimously in favor.

LB made a motion that the BOR authorize the office employees of the Town Clerk's office, including the Town Clerk, to utilize a facsimile stamp for the purpose of performing all the actions required by 950 CMR 55.02 (7) and by M.G.L c 53 & 7. Only those who sign give authority for their personal facsimile stamp. SD 2nd. All in favor. This vote allows members to use a facsimile stamp if they choose to. None of the members would like to use a facsimile stamp at this time.

There was discussion on the availability of the BOR should they be needed to man the office for either the primary 9/6 or the election 11/8. SD free both days to assist. DS could do 4-8pm, JB is available 7-3pm or 5-8pm.

SD made a motion to close the meeting. JB seconded. All in favor.

The meeting closed at 7:57pm.

Submitted by Laurie Becker, Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurie Becker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Paxton Board of Registrars

Minutes approved on 11/20/2022