

Approved at next BCA Meeting

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING
Held on February 24, 2022

The Board of Civil Authority (BCA) meeting was called to order by Chair Amanda Gustin at 6:00 P.M. in the Barre City Council Chambers, Barre, Vermont. Board Members present in person or via video conference were: Kimberlie Koalenz-Rosa, Teddy Waszazak, Samn Stockwell, Louise Parks, Patty Bisson, Ivana Argenti, Jake Hemmerick, Mel Cambel, Tess Taylor (arrived 6:05 PM), and Clerk Carol Dawes.

Members absent: Peter Anthony, Michael Boutin, Lucas Herring, Bob Houle, Karen Lauzon, Lisa Liotta, Brian Parker, Jo Perreault, Ericka Reil, and William Toborg.

The Board approved the minutes from the October 27, 2021 on motion of Board Member Parks, seconded by Board Member Stockwell. **Motion carried.**

The Board approved the election workers as presented by the Clerk for the March 1, 2022 annual town meeting election on motion of Board Member Koalenz-Rosa, seconded by Board Member Stockwell. **Motion carried.**

The Board approved the BCA members as identified to work at the polls for the March 1, 2022 annual town meeting election, and at the commingling of the CVCC ballots on March 3rd & 4th, on motion of Board Member Stockwell, seconded by Board Member Koalenz-Rosa. **Motion carried with Board Member Hemmerick abstaining.**

Clerk Dawes said the annual town meeting election will be conducted using similar COVID procedures put in place for last year's election. To limit the number of voters in the building, and minimize them spreading out throughout the building, all voters will follow the same traffic pattern and will not be broken into wards. Voters will follow a one-way traffic pattern through the building, masks are required and social distancing is in effect. Plexiglass barriers will be used, and surfaces will be sanitized between voters. Unlike last year, there will be a specific tabulator for each ward so the results of each article will be known by ward, and added together to get the City-wide totals. Unfortunately, because the state high school basketball tournaments are back at the auditorium, election set-up cannot begin until after Monday night's games. The Clerk encouraged anybody who is available to come help, starting around 10:30 PM.

Clerk Dawes referenced the list she emailed yesterday of voter checklist changes since the last election on June 9, 2021. The Clerk noted most of the changes reflected review of the checklist and challenge letters mailed out last summer, as is required by statute in odd-numbered years.

Clerk Dawes said there have been no requests to place materials in the lobby, with the exception of the City's annual report. The BCA approved placement of the annual report in the lobby on motion of Board Member Taylor, seconded by Board Member Bisson. **Motion carried with Board Member Lauzon voting against.**

The Clerk said the legislature continues to work on reapportionment, which will be adopted before the end of the session, and any changes will be in place for the August primary and November general elections. She said new tabulators will be in place beginning with the August primary.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM on motion of Board Member Koalenz-Rosa, seconded by Board Member Cambel. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, Clerk of the Board