

To be approved at next BCA Meeting

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING
Held on March 2, 2023

The Board of Civil Authority (BCA) meeting was called to order by Chair Tabitha Tant at 6:00 P.M. in the Barre City Public Safety Building training room, Barre, Vermont. Board Members present in person or via video conference were: Rosemary Averill, Michael Boutin, Michael Deering, Tom Kelly, Amanda Gustin, William Toborg, Thom Lauzon, Karen Lauzon, Patti Bisson, Peter Anthony, Ivana Argenti, Haley Pero, and Lisa Liotta (arrived 6/05 PM), and Clerk Carol Dawes.

Members absent: Emel Cambel, Jake Hemmerick, Brian Parker, Samn Stockwell, Tess Taylor, and Teddy Waszazak.

Others present: Rep. Jonathan Williams

The Board approved the minutes from January 25, 2023 as corrected on motion of Board Member T. Lauzon, seconded by Board Member Gustin. **Motion carried.**

Chair Tant said there was a request to re-order the agenda and take the request from Rep. Williams to place legislative update flyers in the lobby before any other business. There was informational consensus to accept the request.

Board Member T. Lauzon made the motion to approve the request from Rep. Williams, seconded by Board Member Gustin.

Clerk Dawes distributed copies of the draft flyer. There was discussion on the contents of the flyer, past practice, BCA polling place policies, and state statute.

Board Member Lauzon made the motion to call the question, seconded by Board Member Anthony. **Motion carried with Board Members Toborg, Kelly and Deering voting against.**

Board Member Toborg asked a point of order, noting the BCA policy calls for requests such as this to be made to the Clerk at least a week in advance. It was noted the information was emailed to the Clerk on Tuesday, February 28th, which is a week before the election.

The BCA voted on the motion as presented. **Motion carried with Board Members Toborg, Kelly, Deering and Argenti voting against.**

The Board approved the election workers as presented by the Clerk for the March 7, 2023 annual town meeting election on motion of Board Member Anthony, seconded by Board Member Lauzon. **Motion carried.**

The Board approved the BCA members as assigned to work at the polls for the March 7, 2023 annual town meeting election, and at the commingling of the CVCC ballots on March 9th, 10th, and 13th, on motion of Board Member Anthony, seconded by Board Member Lauzon. **Motion carried.**

Clerk Dawes said the annual town meeting election will be conducted using a similar procedure as last year. The Clerk noted using one check-in line has eliminated voter confusion about what ward they live in. The entrance checklists indicate each voter's ward, and the election workers at the check-in tables distribute the ballots accordingly.

Clerk Dawes referenced the list she emailed yesterday of voter checklist changes since the last election on November 8, 2022. The Clerk noted state statute requires her to present the list to the BCA prior to any

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election. She said the BCA will do its biannual review of the voter checklist this summer to determine which voters should be sent a challenge letter.

Clerk Dawes said there has been a request to allow Girl Scouts to sell cookies in the lobby on Town Meeting Day. Board Member T. Lauzon made the motion to deny the request, seconded by Board Member Toborg.

There was discussion on BCA policy, and concerns over setting precedent.

The BCA voted on the motion to deny. **Motion carried with Board Member Boutin voting against.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM on motion of Board Member Toborg, seconded by Board Member Boutin. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, Clerk of the Board

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