

BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS
MINUTES April 24, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael McNamara, Deborah Nurse, Jirair Balayan and Debra Gremo

Meeting opened at 1:30 pm by Deb Nurse chair.

Early voting and absent voting were discussed. This year with COVID-19 municipal elections are able to early vote by mail. It was discussed how to get an application, where to find the application on the website or voters could call and ask for an application to be mailed to them. Also discussed what absentee voting and who qualifies for absentee voting. This year anyone that did not want to vote in person taking a precaution related to COVID-19 would qualify them by reason of physical disability. Also discussed was they could vote anytime starting now as April 24th the ballots were in and noon on the day before the election date of May 19th and the ballot needs to be returned before the close of the polls to Town Clerk's office.

Discussed were the dates of voter registration on Wednesday, April 29, 2020 from 8am – 8pm. How residents can register to vote in person or if they wanted to register on line.

Discussed was the date of upcoming Local Town Elections being May 19, 2020. In the discussion of the polling location being open if the stay at home advisory was still on. Also discussed was the Governors orders did not include polling locations and how the social distancing would work at the polls. In the discussion were the hours the polls would be open, the number of election workers working and the safety measures that are being taken. The entire gym would be used and we would have less workers working received a waiver from the election division. As with the March primary election all precincts had Lysol wipes, and purell at the polls and would wipe down areas. Voters could take their own pens to use. In the discussion was if the election was to be postponed what the next steps would be and if the hours of the election could be shortened. Since the hours are in the bylaws they may need to stay at the listed hours of 8am – 8pm. Also asked were if the election was postponed what would happen to the ballots that were returned? The ballots would be locked in the vault the original ballots with the date of May 19th would be used. The last five years of voter activity was discussed and percentages which were:

MAY 19, 2015	2310	11011	21
MAY 17, 2016	1509	11355	13
MAY 16, 2017	1097	11860	9.25
MAY 15, 2018	1488	11646	13
MAY 21, 2019	1075	11727	9

The discussion of having a code red call go out to residents to inform them on Early Voting and the election.

Minutes – September 9, 2019 were approved on a motion by Michael McNamara and seconded by Jirair Balayan.

Meeting dissolved at 2:18 pm on a motion by Michael McNamara and seconded by Jirair Balayan.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Gremo, Clerk