

BOARD OF CANVASSERS
JAMESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND
July 6, 2023

An advertised meeting of the Board of Canvassers was called to order at 9:30 AM by Carol Nelson-Lee at 93 Narragansett Ave. The following member was present.

Hugh Murphy
Ken Newman

Absent: Kitty Wineberg, Alternate; Linda Jamison, Alternate

Also present was: Keith Ford, Clerk to the Board of Canvassers; Roberta Fagan, Town Clerk

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Newman made a motion to accept the minutes, as amended, from June 28, 2023. Mr. Murphy recused himself. Ms. Nelson-Lee seconded. So Voted.

Ms. Nelson Lee opened the discussion of the resignation of Linda Jamison. Ms. Nelson-Lee commented that Ms. Jamison has been a great member of the Board and she is sorry to see her leave. Mr. Newman commented that with Ms. Jamison had a concern with working for a candidate in the Congressional District 1 (CD1) Primary. She contacted the Ethics Commission for guidance as she did not want the appearance of conflict. With the guidance she was given by the Ethics Commission she has submitted her resignation. Mr. Newman moved to accept Ms. Jamison's resignation from the Board of Canvassers, seconded by Mr. Murphy. So voted, unanimously.

Ms. Nelson-Lee opened the discussion the Board asking Mr. Ford to make a request to the Town Clerk to add to the agenda for the next Town Council meeting to allow Mr. Ford to reach out to the Republican Town Committee requesting a list of potential replacements for the alternate position. Mr. Newman commented that it must be a registered republican within the Town of Jamestown. Mr. Murphy motioned to have Mr. Ford make the request, Mr. Newman seconded. So voted, unanimously.

Ms. Nelson-Lee discussed the need to have a meeting on July 17th to review/certify the nomination papers for the CD1. Ms. Nelson-Lee also commented that the Board of Canvassers cannot be directed or be questioned by the Town in anyway even though they are funded through the Town. The Board answers to the Board of Elections.

Mr. Newman moved to adjourn and Mr. Murphy seconded at 09:40 AM. So Voted.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Ford', written in a cursive style.

Keith Ford
Clerk to the Board of Canvassers

Cc: Town Council Members (5)
Board of Canvassers (4)
Roberta Fagan, Town Clerk