

**BOARD OF CANVASSERS
JAMESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND
October 17, 2023**

An advertised meeting of the Board of Canvassers was called to order at 2:40 PM by Carol Nelson-Lee at 93 Narragansett Ave. The following member(s) was present.

Hugh Murphy – Member
Kitty Wineberg – Alternate

Absent: Ken Newman - Member

Also present was: Keith Ford, Deputy Town Clerk / Clerk to the Board of Canvassers

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Nelson-Lee opened with the approval of minutes from September 5, 2023 and September 15, 2023. All members reviewed the minutes. Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the September 5, 2023 and September 15, 2023 minutes with a second by Ms. Wineberg. Vote: Ms. Nelson-Lee, Aye; Mr. Murphy, Aye; and Ms. Wineberg, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

Ms. Nelson-Lee opened the review and discussion of the mail ballot certification. Ms. Wineberg made a motion to move this agenda item to between agenda item 'F' and 'G', with a second by Mr. Murphy. Vote: Ms. Nelson-Lee, Aye; Mr. Murphy, Aye; and Ms. Wineberg, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

Ms. Nelson-Lee opened the discussion on the Board of Canvassers subcommittee, the Elections Training and Advisory Committee. She commented on what the subcommittee will be tasked with doing and wished to continue the discussion to another meeting at which Mr. Newman is in attendance as he was willing to be a member of the committee. This will be revisited at a later meeting.

Ms. Nelson-Lee opened the discussion concerning supporting Rob Rock with the Secretary of States Office and their training program. Ms. Nelson-Lee commented on the different trainings in the program as well as with the completion of the program making Certified Local Election Official certification. Ms. Wineberg made a motion to support the Secretary of States Office in this training program with a second by Mr. Murphy. Vote: Ms. Nelson-Lee, Aye; Mr. Murphy, Aye; and Ms. Wineberg, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

Ms. Nelson-Lee opened the next agenda of the relocation of the Polling Place being moved from the Lawn Ave School to the Recreation Center as to not interfere with students, staff and the school day. No Vote taken at this time, information only.

Ms. Nelson-Lee opened the discussion of the updates to the Congressional District 1 Special Election on November 7, 2023. Mr. Ford commented that the schedule for Early Voting and November 7th are set. Equipment for Early Voting is delivered and ready to go for the start of early voting. Ray Defalco was

advised of the approval of the polling place change. Mr. Ford will be talking with the Jamestown Fire Department about borrowing a couple wheelchairs for November 7th as well as the Jamestown Police about borrowing a handicap sign to make an additional temporary spot at the Recreation Center. Mr. Ford also commented he is working with Anne Deffley again for the catered lunch and dinner on election day. Mr. Ford also commented that Jennifer Thran was appointed by the Town Council on October 16 as the republican alternate for the Board of Canvassers. She will now need to be sworn in at the Town Clerks Office at her convenience. Information only, no vote taken.

Ms. Nelson-Lee opened the review, discussion and action of the mail ballots received for the election. All applications were signed by the members that were present.

Ms. Nelson-Lee opened the review, discussion and action of the Final Canvass and correction of the voting list for the November 7, 2023 CD1 Special Election. All member present canvassed the list. Mr. Murphy made the motion to accept the Final Canvass and corrected voter list with a second by Ms. Wineberg. Vote: Ms. Nelson-Lee, Aye; Mr. Murphy, Aye; and Ms. Wineberg, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

Mr. Murphy made a motion to adjourn with a second by Ms. Wineberg. Voted: Ms. Nelson-Lee, Aye; Mr. Murphy, Aye; Ms. Wineberg. Vote Passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 5:08 PM.

Attest:



Keith Ford

Clerk to the Board of Canvassers

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