

**BOARD OF CANVASSERS
JAMESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND
March 11, 2024**

A meeting of the Board of Canvassers was called to order at 9:44 AM by Carol Nelson- Lee at 93 Narragansett Ave. The following member(s) was present.

Ken Newman – Member
Kitty Wineberg – Alternate Member

Absent: Hugh Murphy – Member
Jennifer Thran – Alternate 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 February 26, 2024. All members reviewed the minutes. Mr. Newman made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2024 meeting as amended with a second by Ms. Nelson-Lee. Vote: Ms. Nelson-Lee, Aye; and Mr. Newman, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

Ms. Nelson-Lee then opened the review, discussion, and/or action and/or vote on updates concerning the Elections Training and Advisory Committee. Mr. Ford commented that the Jamestown Ad hoc Elections and Training Advisory Committee did meet on Thursday, March 7th. The committee has appointed Ms. Linda Jamison as Chair and Ms. Daphne Meredith as Secretary and have meetings scheduled out to the end of April. No Action/Vote Taken.

Ms. Nelson-Lee then opened the review, discussion, and/or action and/or vote concerning the use of the library as a possible polling location. Mr. Ford commented he has spoken with the Director of the Library Ms. Lisa Sheley and will be setting up a date to go in and speak with her regarding the issue. No date set at this time due to the library just re-opening and Ms. Sheley having a full schedule. No Action/Vote Taken.

Ms. Nelson-Lee then opened the review, discussion, and/or action and/or vote concerning the re-districting the voting districts into three (3). Ms. Nelson-Lee commented that the town already has a Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan and has had it for numerous years. The town has started the process to update it. Mr. Newman commented that he has drafted a letter to Mr. Nunes, Executive Director of the RI BoE regarding the requirements of redistricting as well as requirements for polling locations. A discussion ensued. Mr. Newman made a motion to accept the letter from the Board of Canvassers to the BoE with a second from Ms. Nelson-Lee. Mr. Ford commented that we should be more specific on requirements in the letter so the Board knows exactly what they require. The motion was amended to include the changes to the letter. Vote: Ms. Nelson-Lee, Aye; and Mr. Newman, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

Ms. Nelson-Lee opened the review, discussion, and/or action and/or vote concerning updates on the 'No Label, Rhode Island.' Mr. Ford commented that he contacted the Attorney General's Office and the Rhode Island State Police with regards to the investigation with Sabina Matos fraudulent signatures. The Attorneys General Office responded back reporting that the matter is still under investigation and they have no information to release at this time. The investigation should be completed by the end of March 2024. The 'No Labels, Rhode Island' investigation is still under investigation as well, no updates. No Action/Vote Taken.

Ms. Nelson-Lee opened the review, discussion, and/or action and/or vote concerning updates to the Presidential Preference Primary. Mr. Ford commented that he will be looking into the catering for Election Day. Early Voting and Election Day schedule is completed and in the packets. The Voting District Map has been updated to include the Street List on the back of the map as Mr. Murphy requested. Ms. Nelson-Lee questioned if we can setup the Lawn Ave School gym early on April 1st, Mr. Newman commented he could help setup. Mr. Ford will send out an email to the Board asking for assistance. Ms. Nelson-Lee commented that she is happy to see new names on the schedule for early voting. No Action/Vote Taken.

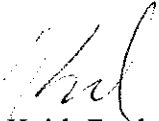
Ms. Nelson-Lee opened the review, discussion, and/or action and/or vote concerning the Certification of Mail Ballot Applications. Mr. Ford presented the Board with the Mail Ballot Certification Sheets with a total of 15 mail ballots. Ms. Nelson-Lee commented that there was an individual on the list who has recently passed away. Mr. Ford commented to note that on the certification sheet as the individual passed after the sheet was printed and is listed as cancelled in the Central Voter Registration System (CVRS). Mr. Ford will contact the Secretary of State's Office (SOS) to confirm they have that information and the mail ballot is flagged if returned. Mr. Newman made a motion to accept the mail ballot certification with a second by Ms. Nelson-Lee. Vote: Ms. Nelson-Lee, Aye; and Mr. Newman, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

Ms. Nelson-Lee opened the review, discussion, and/or action and/or vote concerning the presence of Jamestown Police at the polling place for the Presidential Preference Primary (PPP). Mr. Newman commented that given what we imagine the turnout for the PPP is do we want to go with more than once every two hours or more frequent. We will only have one polling place, as we have combined. Ms. Nelson-Lee advised that she is inclined to keep the once every two hours for no more than five minutes as we had prior. There were no reports of issues during Super Tuesday elections and that this election may be more sedate. Ms. Wineberg agrees an occasional presence should be fine. No Action/Vote taken.

Ms. Nelson-Lee opened the review, discussion, and/or action and/or vote concerning the Final Canvass. Mr. Ford presented the Board with the Final Canvass. The final canvass was conducted and Mr. Newman made a motion to approve the final canvass with a second by Ms. Nelson-Lee. Vote: Ms. Nelson-Lee, Aye; and Mr. Newman, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

Mr. Newman made a motion to adjourn with a second by Ms. Nelson-Lee. Vote: Ms. Nelson-Lee, Aye; and Mr. Newman, Aye. Vote Passed Unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 12:04 PM.

Attest:



Keith Ford

Clerk to the Board of Canvassers

Cc: Town Council Members (5)

Board of Canvassers (4)

Roberta Fagan, Town Clerk