

JAMESTOWN BOARD OF CANVASSERS MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024
3:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Canvassers was called to order at 3:07 P.M. at 93 Narragansett Ave in the Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers. Board of Canvassers Members present were as follows: Ms. Carol Nelson-Lee, Mr. Kenneth Newman, Mr. Hugh Murphy and Ms. Jennifer Thran. Absent from the meeting were as follows: Ms. Katherine Wineberg.

Also in attendance was Keith Ford, Deputy Town Clerk/Clerk to the Board of Canvassers.

II. MINUTES

A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote:

1) Board of Canvassers meeting of May 20, 2024

The members of the Board reviewed the minutes from this meeting. Mr. Newman made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from the May 20, 2024 meeting with a second from Ms. Nelson-Lee. Vote: Ms. Nelson-Lee, Aye; Mr. Newman, Aye; and Mr. Murphy, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Polling Place location(s) and/or combination for the September 10, 2024 Statewide Primary.

Mr. Ford commented two weeks ago the Board of Elections (BoE) inspected the Jamestown Philomenian Library as a possible polling location. They checked for ADA compliance, room size and parking. The inspection passed with the exception that an accessible van sign is required to be posted to the handicap parking signs already up. Within the next few weeks Jacob Gansert, from the BoE, will be sending a letter of approval as well as a diagram for how it should be setup. The main entrance will be used to allow for indoor waiting in the event of a line. Ms. Nelson-Lee commented that this is more handicap accessible than the recreation center. The library is a newer building and has air conditioning. Mr. Newman made a motion to use the library as a polling location instead of the recreation center with a second by Mr. Murphy. Mr. Murphy asked which district this would be. Mr. Ford commented that it will be district 1501, will be replacing the recreation center and the library is located within the 1501 district. Mr. Murphy commented about the lack of parking at that library. Mr. Newman commented that there is enough parking in the lot and the surrounding areas and explained that the Art Center has used the area for parking and noted that they put up cones in the areas of no parking to warn people. Vote: Ms. Nelson-Lee, Aye; Mr. Newman, Aye; and Mr. Murphy, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

Ms. Nelson-Lee asked for a motion to combine the polling locations as the primary seems like it will have a lower turnout. Mr. Newman made a motion to have one polling location for the Primary and to have the polling location at the library with a second by Mr. Murphy. Mr. Newman commented that that he did like the idea of using the library as a polling location for this primary as a trial run to see how well it works for elections. Mr. Ford commented that every residence in district 1501 will get a mailing about the new polling location. There will also be advertising in the Jamestown Press for both the new district and for the combination of polling locations. New maps will be available for all voters. Vote: Ms. Nelson-Lee, Aye; Mr. Newman, Aye; and Mr. Murphy, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Confirm candidates' names on the ballot.

Ms. Nelson-Lee opened the agenda item with reviewing and confirming candidates' names as they will appear on the ballot. Mr. Ford presented the Board with the Declaration of Candidacy Form's from all candidates as well as the list of Candidates' names provided by the Secretary of State's Office (SOS). Mr. Newman made a motion to confirm and accept the candidates' names as listed to be on the ballot. Vote: Ms. Nelson-Lee, Aye; Mr. Newman, Aye; and Mr. Murphy, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

B) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: The Certification of Local Questions to be on the ballot.

Ms. Nelson-Lee opened the agenda item regarding the certification of local questions to be on the ballot. Ms. Nelson-Lee commented that these questions have been proofread by town staff and voted on by the Town Council. A

discussion ensued regarding the formatting of the questions. Mr. Ford commented that the formatting will be done by the SOS, we are certifying the wording. Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the wording of all eight charter questions with a second by Mr. Newman. Vote: Ms. Nelson-Lee, Aye; Mr. Newman, Aye; and Mr. Murphy, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Murphy made a motion to adjourn with a second by Mr. Newman. Vote: Ms. Nelson-Lee, Aye; Mr. Newman, Aye; and Mr. Murphy, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 3:47 P.M.

Attest:



Keith Ford
Deputy Town Clerk/Clerk to the Board of Canvassers

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