

JAMESTOWN BOARD OF CANVASSERS MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024
3:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Canvassers was called to order at 3:18 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, and Ms. Jennifer Thran. Absent from the meeting were as follows: Mr. Hugh Murphy, and 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 July 10, 2024

The members of the Board reviewed the minutes from this meeting. Mr. Newman made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2024 meeting with a second from Ms. Thran. Vote: Ms. Nelson-Lee, Aye; Mr. Newman, Aye; and Ms. Thran, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Regarding the audio/video recording and livestreaming of meetings.

Ms. Nelson-Lee commented that during our meeting last week the livestreaming was not working due to technical issues. Ms. Nelson-Lee expressed concerns of the lack of recording and livestreaming. Mr. Newman commented that he is concerned about this as well as many people livestream our meetings. He commented that this is not a requirement and that any technical issues that arise the Board should be apprised of prior to the start of the meeting. The Board should then call the meeting to order and make a vote to continue the meeting or reschedule for a later date/time. A discussion ensued. Mr. Ford commented that last week's outage was due to a network software problem that originated on the Jamestown Police Department network during a scheduled network switch upgrade. The error then propagated to the towns core network switches, which caused them to crash. The switch software crash made certain network resources unavailable for a short time, unfortunately it was during our meeting. The network was back up and running for the 5pm Harbor Commission meeting. The meeting was audio recorded and will be uploaded to the town website.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: To hear and make decisions on any/all Objections to Candidates.

Ms. Nelson-Lee opened the agenda item to hear and make decisions on any/all objections to candidates. Mr. Ford commented that we no objections to candidates were submitted to our office. No Action Taken at this time.

- B) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: The Certification of Nomination Papers for the 2024 Primary and General Election Candidates.

Ms. Nelson-Lee opened the agenda item for the certification of Nomination Papers for the 2024 Primary and General Election Candidates. All Nomination Papers were reviewed by the Board. Mr. Newman made a motion to certify the Nomination Papers for local, state, and federal candidates as presented with a second by Ms. Thran. Vote: Ms. Nelson-Lee, Aye; Mr. Newman, Aye; and Ms. Thran, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

- C) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Lottery for placement of the names on ballots.

Ms. Nelson-Lee opened the agenda item lottery for placement of the names on ballots. Mr. Ford commented that all the names of the local candidates have been placed on individual pieces of paper. Each Board member removed names for positions on ballot.

Lottery for placement of the democratic candidates for town council:

- #1) Ernest Edward Ross
- #2) Erik G. Brine
- #3) Nancy Ann Beye
- #4) Mary G Glackin
- #5) Mary E Meagher

Lottery for placement of the independent candidates for town council:

- #6) Nicola Kouttab
- #7) Richard J Smith
- #8) Michael T DiMeglio Jr

Lottery for placement of the democrat candidates for school committee:

- #1) Joshua D Furtado
- #2) Lisa Tuttle
- #3) Andrew Allsopp

Mr. Newman made a motion to accept the placement of names by lottery to be used for the ballot with a second by Ms. Thran. Vote: Ms. Nelson-Lee, Aye; Mr. Newman, Aye; and Ms. Thran, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

- C) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Discuss/vote on the need of the holding of a Primary for Local Candidates.

Ms. Nelson-Lee opened the agenda item to discuss/vote for the need of holding a Primary for local candidates.

Mr. Newman made a motion to not hold a primary for local candidates with a second by Ms. Thran. Vote: Ms. Nelson-Lee, Aye; Mr. Newman, Aye; and Ms. Thran, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

- D) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Concerning updates to the September 10, 2024 Statewide Primary.

Ms. Nelson-Lee opened the agenda item regarding updates to the September 10, 2024 Statewide Primary. Mr. Ford commented that the last day to register to vote or disaffiliate for the Primary is August 11. Town Hall will be open from 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. which will be advertised in the local paper. The Final Canvass must be done prior to August 20. Early Voting will begin on August 21st. The library has been approved by the Board of Elections (BOE). A postcard mailing to all residences in the 1501 District will be mailed out prior to the Primary to help inform voters. Mr. Ford commented that supervisor poll worker training will be held by the BOE on August 7th or 8th depending on room availability. Moderator and Clerks training will be in August 15th at CCRI in Newport. These dates will be forwarded to all poll workers.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Newman made a motion to adjourn with a second by Ms. Thran. Vote: Ms. Nelson-Lee, Aye; Mr. Newman, Aye; and Mr. Murphy, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:22 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