# JAMESTOWN BOARD OF CANVASSERS MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024 9:30 A.M.

## I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Canvassers was called to order at 9:43 A.M. at 93 Narragansett Ave in the Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers. Board of Canvassers Members present were as follows: Mr. Hugh Murphy, and Ms. Katherine Wineberg. Absent from the meeting were as follows: Ms. Carol Nelson-Lee, Mr. Kenneth Newman, and Ms. Jennifer Thran.

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 August 15, 2024

The members of the Board reviewed the minutes from this meeting. Ms. Wineberg made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2024 meeting with a second from Mr. Murphy. Vote: Mr. Murphy, Aye; and Ms. Wineberg, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

#### III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Mr. Murphy opened the agenda item updates to the September 10<sup>th</sup> Primary. Mr. Ford commented that early voting started yesterday and as of 9:00 A.M. this morning we had a total of 12 voters. Trainings for the upcoming Primary are completed. Mr. Ford commented that he has ordered extra signage for the Primary to place on North Rd in front of the library to help notify and direct voters. The Town Sergeant will be posting the primary notice today at 5 locations. No Vote/Action Taken.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

A) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Concerning the Certification of the Mail Ballot Applications received.

Mr. Murphy opened the agenda item for the Certification of the Mail Ballot Application received. Mr. Ford presented the Board with the mail ballot applications received. The Board reviewed each mail ballot. Ms. Wineberg made a motion to approve and certify the mail ballots received with a second by Mr. Murphy. Vote: Mr. Murphy, Aye; and Ms. Wineberg, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously.

B) Review, Discussion, and/or Action and/or Vote: Woonsocket Nomination Paper issue.

Mr. Murphy opened the agenda item for the Woonsocket Nomination Paper issue. Mr. Ford commented that the Woonsocket Board of Canvassers had found irregularities including name and signatures of at least two deceased individuals. Their Board met in executive session and voted to refer the nomination papers to the appropriate law enforcement agency for investigation. They also voted to have their solicitors and the Board of Canvassers Manager to cooperate and assist the appropriate law enforcement agency in their investigation. Lastly, they voted to authorize the solicitor's office to handle all public and media inquiries related to this matter. Mr. Ford commented that this was for information purposes and to let our Board understand the step this Board took in a similar instance. No Vote/Action Taken.

## V. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Wineberg made a motion to adjourn with a second by Mr. Murphy. Vote: Mr. Murphy, Aye; and Ms. Wineberg, Aye. Vote Passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:53 A.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