

JAMESTOWN ELECTIONS TRAINING AND ADVISORY AD HOC COMMITTEE
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 4, 2024
10:00 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Linda Jamison, Chair of the Committee, called the meeting of the Jamestown Elections Training and Advisory Ad hoc Committee to order at 10:08 a.m. in the Jamestown Town Hall small conference room at 93 Narragansett Avenue.

II. ROLL CALL

A scheduled meeting of the Jamestown Elections Training and Advisory Ad hoc Committee was held on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. Committee members present were as follows: Ms. Laura Goldstein, Ms. Linda Jamison, Mr. Ken Newman, and Ms. Marlene Murphy.

III. MINUTES

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

1.) Minutes of the Elections Training and Advisory Ad hoc Committee meeting of August 8, 2024

Mr. Newman moved to waive the reading of the minutes; Ms. Goldstein seconded the motion and it was approved as follows: Ms. Goldstein, Aye; Ms. Jamison, Aye; Mr. Newman, Aye; Ms. Murphy, Aye. The vote passed unanimously. Ms. Murphy moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Newman. The motion was approved as follows: Ms. Goldstein, Aye; Ms. Jamison, Aye; Mr. Newman, Aye; Ms. Murphy, Aye. The vote passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS / OPEN FORUM

No public comment was given

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

1.) Presentation to BOE, SOS and various other boards

Mr. Newman suggested that it would be beneficial to do a joint presentation to the BOE and the SOS. He explained that the BOE is sometimes harder to schedule than the SOS. He told us that more towns have been joining the working group of the Boards of Canvassers and are adding their election and voting issues to those already discussed by the Jamestown committee as well as some new issues. Mr. Newman also said that the State has agreed to use, produce, and distribute the informational brochure created by Ms. Goldstein at a cost of about \$45,000. Mr. Newman suggested that we find a couple of dates when every member of our committee could attend a joint meeting with the BOE and SOS. The suggested dates are September 24 or 25 and October 8 or 9. Ms. Jamison will check with Ms. Meredith for her availability. Mr. Newman also suggested that a "rehearsal" of the presentation would be beneficial. Mr. Newman and Ms. Goldstein will meet to plan a PowerPoint presentation also.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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

- 1.) Review of town council presentation.
- 2.) Conversion to permanent committee from ad hoc committee

Ms. Goldstein and Ms. Jamison informed that committee that the presentation to the Town Council at the August 19 meeting went very well. Council President, Nancy Beye, gave an overview of our work and the Council was ready to vote that our committee be made permanent. On the advice of Counsel, that vote has been postponed. However, they did vote to extend out charter as an Ad hoc committee for another 6 months.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Newman made a motion to adjourn with a second by Ms. Goldstein. Vote: Ms. Goldstein, Aye; Ms. Jamison, Aye; Mr Newman Aye; Ms. Murphy, Aye. The vote passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Attest:

Marlene Murphy
Substituting for Daphne Meredith

Cc: Town Council Members(5); Roberta Fagan, Town Clerk