



TOWN OF ESSEX VERMONT

81 MAIN STREET, ESSEX JUNCTION, VERMONT 05452

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MINUTES OF MEETING SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

Members Present In-Person: Dawn Hill-Fleury, Chair; Alyssa Black; Brian Shelden, Georgia Lavigne, Tracey Delphia; Betsy Dunn; Linda Myers; Susan McNamara-Hill, Clerk.

Members Present Virtually: Leonora Dodge; Andy Watts; Brian Hsiang; Bruce Post; Erik Post

1 – CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Dawn Hill-Fleury, Chair.

2– INTRODUCTIONS

This is the first meeting with the new members appointed by the Governor in July. Members introduced themselves.

3 – REQUEST FROM JOHN SONNICK, POLLING PLACE PRESIDENT OFFICER

John Sonnick requested BCA presence while the polls are open to help with keeping groups aware of the polling place rules.

He said he has also spoken to the police chief about security as there were some voters expressing concern about groups

Several members expressed interest in being present. Chair Dawn Hill-Fleury explained that candidates for JP are allowed to help out at the polls, but candidates for other offices should not be working at the polls.

4- APPROVE NEW ELECTION WORKERS

John Sonnick presented a list of election works for the board approval.

Susan McNamara-Hill requested that the two assistant clerks, Cheryl Brown and Jennifer Booker also be appointed as election workers.

Motion by Betsy Dunn, second Linda Myers, appoint the election workers presented.

Voting all ayes, motion carried.

5 – RULES FOR CONDUCTING RECOUNTS

Tracey Delphia explained that recounts are to be done by hand count unless the BCA, at least 60 days before an election, votes to conduct recounts using vote tabulators.

After much discussion a motion was made by Betsy Dunn, seconded by Erik Post, to conduct recounts using vote tabulator machines.

Voting: 12 ayes, 1 nay (Brian Shelden). Motion carried.

4 – ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan McNamara-Hill, Clerk