

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Civil Authority
Wednesday, January 6, 2016
7 p.m.
Office of the Town Clerk
2460 Vermont Route 14, South Royalton, Vermont 05068

Board members present: Selectboard: Larry Trottier, Phil Gates, Joan Goldstein and Sandra Conrad. Justices of the Peace: Joshua "Bushrod" Powers, Bruce Post, Alison Gravel, Bill Ballou, Allison Fulcher, Susan Cain, John Dumville and Hoyt Bingham. Clerk: Karmen Bascom

Board Members absent: Selectboard: Peg Ainsworth and Justice of the Peace: David Ainsworth.

The Royalton Board of Civil Authority met on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Office of the Town Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Chair Powers at 7:00 p.m. to discuss and/or act on the following business:

Agenda

I Designate Polling Place for Town Meeting 2016*

Motion was made, seconded and approved to hold Town Meeting at the South Royalton School small gym at 10 a.m. and to hold Australian balloting in said gym, from 8 a.m. through 7 p.m.

II Review of Voter Checklist

New format was reviewed; changes noted.

III Appoint Justices for Absentee Ballot Delivery*

Motion was made, seconded and approved to have Board of Civil Authority members, Bushrod Powers and Alison Gravel appointed for ballot delivery requests.

IV Review Tabulator Training

New tabulator, training manual and Secretary of State website link was available for all to see. General discussion regarding functionality, accuracy and additional training opportunities were discussed.

V Review New Election Laws

Petition deadlines, change in August election dates and public records law regarding voter checklist data reviewed.

VI Public Comments

None.

VII Decide Tabulator Usage for Elections*

Motion was made, seconded and approved for tabulator usage during the Presidential Preference Primary with the local Town Meeting results to remain as a hand-count by the Board of Civil Authority. The board acknowledged mandatory use of tabulators, beginning July 2016 with towns of more than 1,000 voters for the General Election.

VIII Decide Meeting Schedule for 2016

The board will meet again after Town Meeting, to discuss further options regarding tabulator usage.

Respectfully submitted,
Karmen M. Bascom, Royalton Town Clerk