

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Civil Authority
Tuesday, April 21, 2015
Immediately Following the 7:00 p.m. Meeting of the Board of Tax Abatement
Office of the Town Clerk
23 Alexander Place #1, South Royalton, Vermont**

Board members present: Selectboard; Phil Gates, Peggy Ainsworth, Joan Goldstein and Sandra Conrad. Justices of the Peace; David Ainsworth, Bushrod Powers, Bruce Post, Alison Gravel, and Hoyt Bingham. Town Clerk; Karmen Bascom.

Board members absent: Selectboard; Larry Trottier. Justices of the Peace; William Ballou, Allison Fulcher, Sue Cain and John Dumville.

Guests present: Jeff Barcelow

The Royalton Board of Civil Authority met on April 21, 2015, 7:40 p.m. at the Office of the Town Clerk. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Joshua Powers at 7:40 p.m. to discuss and/or act on the following business:

Agenda

I To determine a polling place for the September 15 bond vote

Motion was made, seconded and approved for clerk to request in order of preference: old gym, new gym or "The Red Door Church."

II Updates on mandatory educational training for new statewide voter checklist and election management system

Clerk Bascom presented the state mandated 3 1/2 day seminar agenda, noted that Rita Hull, Assistant Clerk, would run office in her absence and that upon return, instruction would be provided to assistant and other BCA members to ensure a smooth transition during the upcoming elections.

III Updates on S.29 Same Day voter Registration Bill

Weekly Legislative Report for March 27, 2015 was read and noted that Senate has given approval for same day voter registration to become effective January 1, 2017. Sandy Conrad noted that electronic systems have been used for years, and we would be fine with the changes.

IV Upcoming property tax appeal workshop

Jeff Barcelow spoke about a slight increase in tax appeals and expressed hope that a few more members attend the workshop in order for all of us to have the best understanding possible of the process. Dates: May 5 at Lake Morey Resort or May 12 at the Capitol Plaza in Montpelier.

V To commence reading and challenging of Royalton checklist (second meeting may be necessary for completion)

Readers of checklist included: Bushrod Powers, Peg Ainsworth, and Joan Goldstein.
Members who challenged individuals: Bruce Post, Bushrod Powers, Alison Gravel, Karmen Bascom, Sandy Conrad, Hoyt Bingham and David Ainsworth.

Individuals subject to challenge letter or noted as deceased: Miriam Airoidi, Candace Alinovich, Stephen Allen, Paul V. Amell, Christopher Babcock, Janet Babcock, David Barker, Jennifer Barker, Leah Bauder, Terri Bauder, James Blakeman, Heather Burbine, Adrienne Caron, Katherine Clark, Kimberly Clark, Ashley Clay, Amanda Dumville, Brian Falzo, Nellie Goewey, Helen Greenlee, Holly Harrington, Sierra Hein, Taylor Hull and Cody Ives. Checklist began at Arthur Abbott and was read through Eugene Kepner. Remained to be read at next meeting TBA.

Motion to adjourn made, seconded and approved at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karmen M. Bascom, Royalton Town Clerk