

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Civil Authority
Monday, May 2, 2016 at 7 p.m.
Town Office Conference Room
2460 Vermont Route 14, South Royalton, Vermont 05068

Board members present: Justices of the Peace: Chair, Joshua "Bushrod" Powers, David Ainsworth, Alison Gravel, Bill Ballou, Susan Cain, Hoyt Bingham and John Dumville. Clerk: Karmen Bascom.

Board Members absent: Selectboard: Larry Trottier, Phil Gates, Peg Ainsworth, Joan Goldstein and Sandra Conrad.
Justices of the Peace: Bruce Post and Allison Fulcher.

The Royalton Board of Civil Authority met on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Town Office Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Chair Powers at 7:15 p.m. to discuss and/or act on the following business:

Agenda

I Designate Polling Place for August and November 2016*

Motion made and seconded to hold both polling events at the South Royalton School small gym. Polls to open at 8 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. **Motion carried.**

II Appoint Justices for Absentee Ballot Delivery*

Joshua "Bushrod" Powers offered his and Alison Gravel's assistance. Motion was made, seconded and approved to have Board of Civil Authority members, Bushrod Powers and Alison Gravel appointed for ballot delivery requests. **Motion carried.**

III Decide Tabulator Usage for August Primary and November General*

Motion made and seconded to use tabulator for August primary. Discussion of additional cost of \$300 to \$500 for programming tabulator cards and voter turnout was discussed. **Motion defeated.** The Board of Civil Authority will hand count August Primary ballots.

Motion made and seconded to use State of Vermont VEMS system to produce Royalton's Justice of the Peace ballots and program tabulator cards for use alongside November General elections. Discussion regarding possibility of confusion with a two-sided ballot, coupled with interest in local control of local elections ensued. **Motion defeated.** Board of Civil Authority instructed clerk to produce Justice of the Peace ballots in-house for a hand count. It was noted that tabulators would be used, as mandated by state, for the November General election.

IV Public Comments

None.

Meeting concluded at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karmen M. Bascom, Royalton Town Clerk