

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Civil Authority
Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Royalton Town Conference Room
2460 Vermont Route 14, South Royalton, Vermont 05068

Board members present: Justices of the Peace: Alison Gravel, Bruce Post, John Dumville, Susan Cain and Joshua "Bushrod" Powers (by conference call) Selectboard: Tim Dreisbach and Gidget Lyman. Clerk: Chair Karmen Bascom.

Board members absent: Justices of the Peace: David Ainsworth, William Ballou, Allison Fulcher, Sandra Conrad and Hoyt Bingham. Selectboard: Larry Trottier, Peg Ainsworth and Sandra Conrad.

The Royalton Board of Civil Authority met on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 and opened their meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Tim Dreisbach motioned to appoint Karmen Bascom temporary chair and clerk, (Due to Chair Powers' conference call presence) John Dumville seconded. **Motion carried with all in favor.**

John Dumville made motion to use South Royalton School as designated polling place with polling hours from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Susan Cain seconded. **Motion carried with all in favor.**

It was noted that a meeting on January 25, 2017 at 6 p.m. in Bethel, for the "Warning of the Special Meeting of the White River Unified District," that the clerk and a few BCA members should be present to assist with conducting election business.

Susan Cain motioned to appoint John Dumville and Alison Gravel for 2018 absentee ballot delivery. Tim Dreisbach seconded. **Motion carried with all in favor.**

John Dumville motioned that the clerk appoint additional Board of Civil Authority members for ballot delivery when necessary. Alison Gravel seconded. **Motion carried with all in favor.**

John Dumville motioned to hand-count paper ballots, not use tabulators, for all non-mandated tabulator elections this year. Alison Gravel seconded. Bruce Post questioned cost associated with tabulator ballots. It was noted that approximately \$500 would be spent per ballot for programming, but the tabulators cut off about 3 hours of hand counting time. Also, the Secretary of State would pay the first \$500 programming fees toward the mandated general election tabulator count. **Motion carried with all in favor.**

Tim Dreisbach made motion that election ballot clerks and vote counting be done on a volunteer only. Gidget Lyman seconded. **Motion carried with 7 in favor, Bascom opposed.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karmen M. Bascom, Town Clerk