

# **MARTIN MEMORIAL HALL**

**5259 US ROUTE 5**

**BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY**

**ASCUTNEY, VERMONT**

**OCTOBER 18, 2022**

**PRESENT:**

Mike Todd, Paul Tillman, Julie Lannen, Dallas Carey, AnnMarie Christianson, Mike Stankevich, David Fuller, Sean Whalen, John Arrison, Flo-Ann Dango, Marion Ballam

**ABSENT:**

Ginger Wimberg, Wendy Smith, Lynn Esty, Kelly O'Brien, Steven Hier

Chairperson Mike Stankevich opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

1. Motion tabled from June 14, 2022, BOA Meeting: Steve Hier moved to request the Abatement request form and evidence to be mailed along with the notice of meeting, seconded by Mike Todd. Chair Mike Stankevich stated he would like for Flo-Ann to get legal advice regarding this request. Flo-Ann reached out to the Town Attorney for advice regarding sending the BOA members the BOA hearing documents prior to the hearings. She expressed her concern with this due to personal information.  
Peter Raymond from Sheehey Law Firm stated that he understands the concern, but once those materials are submitted for BOA hearing, they are public record. He advised to remind the board members that they are obligated to refrain from any ex parte communications regarding those materials and matters coming before them.  
Discussion: Paul Tillman stated if the packet was to be sent by email it is considered a public record. Mike Todd had concerns regarding ex parte communications if received by email. Mike Stankevich stated any Social Security numbers and other personal information would have to be redacted. Paul Tillman suggested that board members sign a rule of conduct. AnnMarie had concerns with receiving by email, too easy to forward, prefers paper.  
Mike Todd calling the question, ayes have it, packets to be sent out prior to meetings.  
BOA decision with reasons: Vermont Law requires all abatements to have reasons attached.
2. Election updates: 121 new voters since 1/1/2022. The Secretary of State office mailed the General Election ballots on 9/30/2022. Many ballots have been returned due to

change of address or undeliverable. If a voter prefers to vote in person on election day, he/she must bring in the ballot they received in the mail or sign an affidavit of no ballot cast.

3. New Voters list presented to board.
4. Approval from BCA to appoint Marion/OE Official, Paul Tillman made a motion to approve, Mike Todd seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous. Motion passed
5. Approval from the BCA to appoint Voters on the Check list to be able to work the election: Paul Tillman made a motion to approve the voters on the check list to be able to work the election, Mike Todd seconded the motion.  
Discussion: Dave Fuller asked under whose jurisdiction? Flo-Ann stated they would be under her. Current voters would be the only approved workers. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed
6. Approval to challenge voters with wrong addresses: Paul Tillman made a motion to approve, Mike Todd seconded. Vote was unanimous, motion passed.
7. Approval for "early entry" of ballots by BCA: John Arrison made a motion to approve, Mike Todd seconded. Discussion: This would take place on Thursdays @ 2:00 pm prior to November 8, 2022. Two BCA members of opposite parties would be processing the ballots. The vote was unanimous, Motion passed.
8. Sign up for Election workers: sign up paper passed around.
9. Test the Tabulator: testing of sample ballots successful.
10. Anything else thought proper to discuss at this time: Nothing
11. Adjourn: Dallas Carey made the motion to adjourn, Mike Todd seconded the motion, vote was unanimous, meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Marion J. Ballam

Deputy Clerk