

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

MARTIN MEMORIAL HALL

5259 US ROUTE 5

ASCUTNEY, VT

DECEMBER 13, 2023

Present:

Michael Todd Kelly O'Brien August Murray Rick Bates Steve Hier Michael Stankevich
Jim Cahill Julie Lannen Roxanne Blake David Fuller John Arrison Julia Lloyd Wright
Barbara Thomas Marion Ballam

Absent:

Matt Walasewicz Ginger Wimberg Flo-Ann Dango

Chairperson Mike Stankevich opened the meeting at 6:35 pm.

1. To amend 4/25/2023 minutes regarding the opening time of all elections.

Discussion: Steve Hier stated the board is unable to amend the minutes of 4/25/2023 as they are an accurate account of what the Board made a motion of and voted.

Marion Ballam, Assistant Town Clerk, explained that the Town Clerk's office would find it better to open the polls at 8:00 am vs the 10:00 opening of the polls. There are 3 elections for 2024, Town Meeting along with the Presidential Primary, Primary and the General Election. Due to the workload for the General Election the Clerk's Office felt it would be better to open at 8:00 am. Ballots for the General Election will be mailed by the Secretary of State Office and the poll workers will need extra time to process these ballots. Dave Fuller questioned the need for extra time as the BCA gave permission in the past for the returned ballots to be processed into the tabulator prior to the election. Marion stated many ballots will be returned on the day of election.

Jim Cahill made a motion to change the opening of the polls to 8:00 am, Rick Bates seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion passed. Polls open at 8:00 am.

August Murray made a motion to adjourn. Rick Bates seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Ballam, Assistant Town Clerk