



Northampton Board of Registrars

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 8, 2019

Time: 5:30 pm

210 Main Street, Room 4

Northampton, MA 01060

1. Meeting Called To Order: At 5:40 pm the meeting was called to order. Present were Registrars Catherine Kay and Charles Klepacki. Registrar Polachek was absent.
2. Review Meeting Minutes From The Previous Meeting: Registrar Kay moved to approve the minutes of December 4, 2019; Registrar Klepacki seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.
3. ROV Statistics: Clerk Powers reported that the Registrar of Voters added 77 new voters during December 5, 2018 and January 7, 2019. During this same time period, there were 132 records that were changed at the request of the voter. Seven-hundred thirty six voter were deleted; most were "inactive" for the previous four years and failed to respond to the annual street listing or any confirmation cards that were sent to them.
4. 4. Donations- Can We Accept Them From Businesses? Registrar Kay reports that she contacted the Elections Commission for some guidance about whether the City Clerk or the Board of Registrars could accept donations. She spoke with the Attorney for the Day. If someone were to donate signs for the purpose of alerting people to the fact that voting is happening in the near future, the signs must be non-partisan and they cannot in any way appear to advertise a particular business. Otherwise, gift acceptance would fall under normal guidelines as stipulated for other city departments. For the Board of Registrars, or the City Clerk, this may require the City Council to approve the gift prior to the donation being made. Alternatively, the business could spearhead their own initiative to advertise voting season.
5. Review VRIS Compliance Calendar: Clerk Powers reports that census activities are on-going. Northampton Landlords have received a request to provide information in accordance with MGL Chapter 51 Section 10A. Responses have been brisk and we are updating our records to reflect the information provided by landlords.
6. Local Election Calendar: The committee will look at local election dates at its meeting in February.
7. Census Timeline And Related Items: The City Census is scheduled to go out on or about February 25, 2019.
8. New Business: The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 12th at 5:30 pm in the City Clerk's Office.
9. Adjourn: At 6:30 pm Registrar Kay moved to adjourn the meeting; Registrar Klepacki seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 1 No, 1 Absent (Polachek).