



Northampton Board of Registrars

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 29, 2019

Time: 5:30 pm (Rescheduled from Oct. 8, 2019)

210 Main Street, Room 8, Northampton, MA 01060

1. Meeting Called To Order: At 5:30 pm the Board of Registrars meeting was called to order. All members were present.
2. Review Meeting Minutes From The Previous Meeting: Registrar Kay moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting; Registrar Tarantino seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.
3. ROV Statistics: no data available
4. November 5th Biennial Municipal Election Make Ready Needs & Updates: Clerk Powers reports that election make-ready plans are on schedule. On Oct. 3rd the City Council approved the warrant for the election and that warrant has been posted in the Clerk's office. Ballots have been received; specimen ballots are hanging in the Clerk's Office, posted to the Clerk's web page, and are available to hand out if voters request them. Three copies of each ballot will be hung in the voting precincts in accordance with M.G.L. requirement.

Clerk Powers also reports that training has already begun for election workers. This training is mostly a refresher for Wardens and Clerks. Registrar Tarantino asked if procedures could be written down; Clerk Powers notes that some instructions are available for workers, however, the more complicated procedures are reviewed in person just prior to the election.

Clerk Powers asked about the availability of Registrars on election night to help with the collection of counts and reporting of election results here in City Hall. Registrar Kay and Registrar Tarantino are most likely available and will try to make it to City Hall before the polls close.

5. The Clerk has received three inquiries to place inserts in the 2020 annual street list.
 - a. NEF will provide their own insert;
 - b. Senior Center will also provide their own insert;
 - c. 2020 Census will provide language, but the cost of the printing and any additional costs for mailing will need to be absorbed by the town.

Clerk Powers will work to get samples of the inserts and will work to figure out what the additional cost might be so that the Board of Registrars might determine whether all three inserts could go in the Street List mailing.

6. Communications from Elections Division: Clerk Powers reports that the Elections Division has sent Ward & City Committee and State Committee nomination papers to all cities and towns. These are being made available to all political parties who intend to establish a political committees within Massachusetts. These committees generally work for the nomination and election of party candidates; the Clerk's Office provides the nomination forms and certifies signatures; however the committees must submit certified nomination papers to the Sec. of the Commonwealth on their own.

2019 - 2020 Initiative Petitions: Clerk Powers reports that there is the potential for her office to receive 16 different petitions that are currently circulating. The signatures on these forms must be certified by the ROV's Office; here too the submitter is responsible for picking the certified petitions up from the ROV's Office and submitting them to the Sec. of the Commonwealth.

Voter Date Request from ALLOY-Freedom of Information Request: Clerk Powers reports that there was a recent request made to all communities for historical voting records. Elections Division helped each community gather and report the information and also was the intermediary to help identify a more realistic request that could be met in a timely fashion.

7. New Business
8. Adjourn: At 6:23 pm Registrar Polachek moved to adjourn the meeting; Registrar Kay seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

