



Northampton Board of Registrars Meeting Minutes

Date: Feb. 21, 2023 @ Time: 5:30 pm

210 Main Street, Room 4, Northampton, MA 01060

1. Meeting Called To Order: At 5:37 pm City Clerk Pam Powers called the meeting to order. Present at the meeting were Registrars Joseph Tarantino and Robert Boulrice along with Clerk Powers. Registrar Mary Lou Stuart was absent.
2. Review Meeting Minutes From The Previous Meeting: Registrar Boulrice moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2022; Registrar Tarantino seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

Boulrice - Yes	Powers - Yes	Stuart - Absent	Tarantino - Yes
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3. ROV Statistics: The staff in the BOR office added 197 voters, changed 549 voter records (including name and address updates and amended party choices), and deleted 72 voter records since January 17, 2023. There are currently 22,085 registered voters in Northampton.
4. Update On Annual Street List Project: The Street List questionnaire is not yet out; once again we are waiting on envelopes for this project. Once the printer receives them, it will be a few additional days before our mailing is out to residents. Two envelopes approved for insert are Dollars for Scholars and NEF. For the BOR's own needs, the printer will add a mail-back envelope and the questionnaire. There will be approx.16,000 pieces mailed out and the postage cost is just over \$8,000 for them. Residents need to pay the postage to mail back a response; however, they can drop it off just outside our office if they prefer not to pay for the postage.
5. Update On Ranked Choice Voting: It does not appear that RCV legislation has moved forward at the state house. Registrar Boulrice has spoken with both Senator Comerford and Rep. Sabadosa who reported that over 4,000 pieces of legislation are on file this year. Arlington, Amherst and Northampton are all waiting for granting of home rule petitions, so perhaps there is strength in the number of voters who want this to move forward in their community. Clerk Powers states that voting for incarcerated voters as well as a new platform for disabled voters are new in Elections this year and these might be getting priority by the Elections Division.
6. New Business:
 - Clerk Powers has presented to Mayor Sciarra a request to add staff in the Clerk's Office. The proposal is to add 5 additional hours to each of the existing three staff in our office (i.e. work 40 hours per week instead of 35 hours per week). This will help to reduce overtime during voting and have staff readily available when the work is here. The Mayor will make a decision during budgeting season; she expressed interest in reducing the overtime hours during the election period.
 - Registrar Boulrice is interested in publishing something to the voting population, and suggested publishing election statistics in the newspaper after each election.
 - April 24th is the date set for making nomination papers available.
7. Adjourn: At 6:01 pm Registrar Boulrice moved to adjourn the meeting; Registrar Tarantino seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent).

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