



## Northampton Board of Registrars

Date: 11/12/2021

Time: 5:10 pm

210 Main Street, Room 4, Northampton, MA 01060

& via Zoom

### Meeting Minutes

1. This meeting was a hybrid meeting—the Board of Registrars participated in person and the meeting was also held via Zoom. No
2. **Meeting Called To Order:** At 5:10 pm Clerk called the meeting to order. Present at the meeting were Registrars Tarantino and Kay and Clerk Powers. The fourth seat remains open.
3. **Review & Approve/Disapprove Overseas Ballots Received After The Close Of Polls On Election Day:** Absentee ballots mailed from overseas must be postmarked no later than November 2<sup>nd</sup> (the day of the election), and received in the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 pm on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. Two ballots were received
    - i. Ballot #1 was postmarked 10/21/2021 and was received by the Clerk's Office on November 9, 2021. Registrar Kay moved to accept the ballot; Registrar Tarantino seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 3 Yes (Powers, Kay, Tarantino), 0 No.
    - ii. The postmark for Ballot #2 could not be determined; however, the ballot was received in the City Clerk's Office on November 8, 2021. The ballot was opened to confirm that it was a relevant ballot to this election. Since it was; Registrar Tarantino moved to accept the ballot notwithstanding that the ballot postmark could not be determined; Registrar Kay seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 2 Yes (Tarantino, Powers), 1 No (Kay).
4. **Review Provisional Ballots Cast On Nov. 2nd @ The Polls**
  - a. Two provisional ballots were reviewed:
    - i. Ballot #1 – Voter stated that they had continuously resided in Northampton, and registered by mail. Investigation showed that the person mailed the voter registration card on Oct. 13 (the last day to register to vote) and it was received in the office on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, making the voter registration too late to allow them to vote on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
    - ii. Ballot #2 – Voter stated that they had checked the box at the Registry believing that this would register them to vote; however, since the start of automatic voter registration began, checking the box at the Registry of Motor Vehicles now has the opposite effect. The investigation done by the RMV concluded that the voter did not register at their last visit or on-line. Clerk Powers will notify the voter.
5. **Adjourn:** At 5:30 pm Registrar Kay moved to adjourn the meeting; Registrar Tarantino seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 3 Yes (Kay, Tarantino, Powers), 0 No.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 14 @ 5:30 pm. It will be a teleconference meeting.