

BOARD FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

MEET: Time 6:00            8/6/2019

Where: Community Room, Police Department

**Present:** Elisabeth Mickenberg, Lenore Broughton, Kate Baldwin, Helen Rock, Michelle Lefkowitz, Larry Granillo, Martha Gile, Annie Schneider, Youth Member Rebecca Cunningham

**Absent:** Charles Cashatt, Jim Rader, Mohamed Jafar, Weiwei Wang, Youth Member Tula Adie

**Also Present:** Amy Bovee, Assistant City Clerk

**Meeting called to order by Chair Lis**

**Agenda:** The agenda was accepted as presented.

**Meeting Length:** The meeting length was set for 1 hour.

**Welcome New Member:** The Board welcomed new member Annie Schneider.

**Election of Officers:** Lenore Broughton and Helen Rock nominated Lis Mickenberg to serve as Board Chair and Michelle Lefkowitz to serve as Vice Chair. The Board voted unanimously to approve the nominations.

**Minutes:** Members noted that the date and location of the last meeting were incorrect. Helen Rock made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Larry Granillo. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Approval of Applications:** Amy Bovee submitted: June: new voter registrations 154, purged 6,037, transferred out of town 96. July: new voter registrations 206, purged 109, transferred out of town 93.

Michelle Lefkowitz made a motion to accept the number, seconded by Larry Graillo. Motion passed unanimously.

**Clerk's Report:** Amy Bovee noted that voter challenge letters had been sent out and they had received a number of replies, as well as a number of letters that were undeliverable. She also reported that she would be meeting with the VT Secretary of State's Office, the Winooski City Clerk's Office, and a community group to discuss options for translation services to be available at the polls. She agreed to update the Board as the discussions progressed.

**Member's Reports:**

**Oath Subcommittee:** Board members reviewed the draft letter to the Secretary of State's Office regarding the voter's oath. The Board agreed that they would suggest a change to the language, but also would note that elimination of the oath would also be a possibility. Members of the Oath subcommittee

agreed to take the Board's comments into consideration and incorporate them into the letter for review at the next meeting. Lenore Broughton agreed to send her suggestions to Helen Rock to incorporate into the letter.

**Absentee Ballot Envelope Subcommittee:** The Board reviewed the draft envelope proposal. They discussed labelling each of the envelopes with a letter or number so that each envelope could be referenced in the instructions. They also discussed a change in language regarding the number of candidates you can vote for. Members of the absentee ballot subcommittee agreed to incorporate the proposed changes and redistribute them at the next meeting. Amy Bovee noted that she would review any proposed changes with C/T Staff, and a change in language would need to be approved by the Secretary of State's Office. In order to have envelopes ready for the March Election, this work would need to be done by October.

**Website/Outreach Subcommittee:** The Board discussed the need for more voter outreach opportunities and opportunities to make the website more user friendly. They talked about opportunities to have information for voters published in local newspapers, by elected officials, and by party leadership.

**Article:** Lenore Broughton distributed an article titled "Roper: If you're worried about Russian hackers, tighten election laws", for the Board to review and discuss at the next meeting.

#### **Review Application Signing Schedule**

Aug 9 – Martha, Aug 13 – Lenore, Aug 15 – Martha, Aug 20 – Kate, Aug 23 - Helen, Aug 27 – Larry, Aug 30 – Michelle

Sept 10 – Kate, Sept 13 – Annie, Sept 17 – Martha, Sept 20 – Larry, Sept 24 – Michelle, Sept 27 - Helen

Michelle Lefkowitz made a motion to adjourn at 7:10pm, seconded by Annie Schneider. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 2, 6pm, Community Room, Police Department

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amy Bovee, Assistant City Clerk