

BOARD FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

MEET: Time 6:00 9/3/2019

Where: Community Room, Police Department

Present: Elisabeth Mickenberg, Lenore Broughton, Kate Baldwin, Helen Rock, Michelle Lefkowitz, Martha Gile, Annie Schneider, Jim Rader, Mohamed Jafar, Youth Member Rebecca Cunningham

Absent: Charles Cashatt, Larry Granillo, 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.

Minutes: Members noted that Weiwei Wang was listed as present in the minutes, but was actually absent. Lenore Broughton requested that a line be added to the minutes noting that she would send suggestions related to the Oath letter to Helen Rock. Kate Baldwin made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Michelle Lefkowitz. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Applications: Amy Bovee submitted: August: new voter registrations 211, purged 45, transferred out of town 110.

Michelle Lefkowitz made a motion to accept the numbers, seconded by Kate Baldwin. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report: Amy Bovee reported that she had met 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. The group is exploring the idea of having sample ballots translated to different languages. A voter could then hold a translated ballot side by side with an English ballot. The voter would read the ballot in their preferred language, and mark the corresponding race or question on the English ballot. They would also consider having audio translations available for voters to listen to on some type of device. The City is working to analyze data to identify the languages that would be most beneficial to voters. Mohamed Jafar also noted that the group is planning to hold some community outreach events to help spread information about the new services.

Member's Reports:

Oath Subcommittee: Board members agreed to revisit the Oath at their next meeting.

Absentee Ballot Envelope Subcommittee: The Board reviewed revisions of the envelope created by Michelle Lefkowitz and Rebecca Cunningham. They identified language that they liked in each version.

Rebecca Cunningham agreed to make the updates and return with a new version of the envelope at the October meeting.

Website/Outreach Subcommittee: Lenore Broughton shared that she had preliminary discussions with the North Avenue News about publishing sample ballots in the paper. Amy Bovee shared that the City had stopped publishing sample ballots due to budgetary constraints. The Board agreed to discuss this and other outreach opportunities at the next meeting.

Other Updates: The Board agreed to discuss an article that Lenore Broughton had distributed at the August meeting titled “Roper: If you’re worried about Russian hackers, tighten election laws”, at the October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 1, 6pm, Community Room, Police Department

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amy Bovee, Assistant City Clerk