

BOARD FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

MEET: Time 6:00            8/4/2020

Where: Remote and Virtual via Zoom

**Present:** Elisabeth Mickenberg, Annie Schneider, Jim Rader, Lenore Broughton, Martha Gile, Ariana Cano, Michelle Lefkowitz, Helen Rock, Youth Member Rebecca Cunningham

**Absent:** Charles Cashatt, Weiwei Wang, Kate Baldwin, Larry Granillo

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

**Meeting called to order by Chair Lis**

**Agenda:** Jim Rader made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Helen Rock. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**Minutes:** Jim Rader made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Helen Rock. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:** N/A

**Approval of Applications:** Amy Bovee reported July: New Registrations 411, Transfer out of Town 411, Purged 100.

Michelle Lefkowitz mad a motion to accept the numbers as presented, seconded by Martha Gile. The motion passed unanimously.

**Clerk's Report/Prepare for August Election:** Amy Bovee reported that it is very unusual to see that the size of the voter checklist shrink in the month leading up to an Election, as this is generally a time of growth. She attributed this to the postcard system working to reach voters at their new locations and either update their information or notify their Clerk that they are no longer residents of this town. She reported that there is a plan in place to handle returned postcards. A team of staff at CT will go through the postcards and make a list of which postcards will be returned. Anyone who has updated their address since the cards were sent out, or anyone who votes in the August Election will be removed from the list. All remaining voters will be challenged. This will prevent an automatic ballot from being sent to them in November at an address where they no longer reside. She noted that any voter who responds to the challenge letter and certifies that they are still eligible to vote in Burlington will be re-activated and have the opportunity to cast a ballot.

She shared that early voting numbers continue to be strong. At this time 9,620 ballots have been sent out and 4,387 ballots have been returned. The Board discussed the number of defective ballots and the reasons that ballots were deemed defective. They agreed that further analysis of this information after the election would be useful.

The Board discussed their plan for Election Day. Board members were assigned to 7 of the 8 City Wards. The Board developed a plan to have a remote BRV person assigned to Ward 2. Jim Rader agreed to be on call to help in Ward 2. A volunteer and Youth Member Rebecca Cunningham were assigned to be physically present in the poll to facilitate a connection between the voter and the remote BRV member, as well as complete the necessary paperwork. Board members who were unable to work in polling places agreed to be on call for BRV members who were in polling places.

Board members inquired what safety protocols would be in place. Amy Bovee shared that PPE including sanitizer, gloves, and masks would be provided. Single use golf pencils will be provided to each voter, but if pens are used they should be sanitized between each use. Annie Schneider inquired how they will keep a safe distance between themselves and the voters. Amy Bovee suggested that they set up two tables instead of one so that the distance between the BRV member and the voter is 6 feet.

On a motion by Michelle Lefkowitz, seconded by Helen Rock, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amy Bovee, Assistant City Clerk