

MINUTES Board of Registrars

Wednesday March 9, 2022 10AM

Via zoom

In attendance: Dianne K. Bucco, Eileen Buckley, Gary P. Giusto

Absent: Bruce Warren

The meeting was opened at 10am. Dianne Bucco took attendance and requested the party affiliation in an effort to confirm the distribution,
Bucco – U, Buckley – R, Giusto – D, Warren – U

Terms need to be found out and shared with the group.

Expiring June 2022 – Eileen Buckley

Expiring June 2023 – Gary P Giustp

Expiring June 2024 – Bruce Warren

All members were forwarded two handbooks – one from Manchester-by-the-Sea and the other State manual for the Board of Registrars. Hard copies are available for all members in the Town Clerk's office. Dianne summarized the duties specific to the BOR that currently are ____ by the Town Clerk's office to be voter registration drives and deadlines, compiling the street lists via accepting the census forms, certifying signatures on nomination and petition forms, and certifying the validity of voter registration for absentee ballot applications. Dianne explained that the need for signatures of 3 registrars is needed on all the above documents which has been known to be difficult. For this reason, Dianne prefers to use the facsimile stamp. Those present understood and were agreeable to vote this authorization.

Dianne moved that the Board of Registrars authorize the Town Clerk to perform actions required by 950 CMR 55.02 and MGL c53, §7, including the use of a facsimile signature stamp on behalf of the Board for petition and nomination signature certifications, voter registration processes and absentee ballot applications.

Vote carried with 3 yeses.

The BOR duties that the actual Board may be needed for are residence and voter eligibility challenges and election recounts. If and when these situations arise, we will review the specific duties and call in Town Counsel for guidance.

The Board may also assist with check in at Town Meetings. We discussed the schedule for 2022; Annual Town Meeting Monday April 25 at 7pm and Special Town Meeting Saturday June 11 at 1pm. Dianne explained that the Board of Selectmen and Moderator preferred to avoid a long meeting due to COVID19 concerns therefor scheduled 2 meetings to be of shorter duration. Dianne also mentioned that she will be sending out information on “working” these events in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12am.

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