



Northampton Board of Registrars

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 24, 2018

Time: 5:30 pm

210 Main Street, Room 4

Northampton, MA 01060

1. Approve Minutes Of The Previous Meeting

Registrar Kay moved to approve the minutes of Feb. 13, 2018; Registrar Klepacki seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Registrar Polachek).

2. Review Of Action Items From The Previous Meeting

1. State Elections Division feedback about the two approved voting machines

The State Elections Division advised the City Clerk about the currently approved models for voting. One vendor is LHS and the other is ES & S. Both vendors have one model each that is currently manufactured and approved for use by Massachusetts cities and towns. LHS has the Imagecast Tabulator system and ES & S has the D200 tabulator.

2. Letters to majority Party Leaders regarding possible election workers.

The Clerk contacted the Democratic Committee Chair who in turn stated that she would be interested in considering names for poll workers. The Clerk will follow up with the Chair to find out the best way to identify people who might be interested in working the polls.

3. Feedback Regarding 2018 Census Format

Question raised about gender identity on the Census form: The Committee discussed a question raised by a resident concerning gender on the Census form. The State has indicated that gender is optional, however, if a gender is specified, only Male or Female can be entered into the state's database. Also, once a gender is entered, only the Help Desk at the State can remove the gender.

The Board agreed that instructions included with the Street List will specify that gender is optional.

4. New Voting Equipment Status:

- a. The deadline for submitting bids for Northampton's IFP for voting equipment was 2:30 pm this afternoon. As a result of the bids received, the contract will be awarded to LHS Associates. Both vendors submitted bids for equipment that would have met the City's needs, so it came down to the bid price. Since there was no compelling reason to stay

with the current vendor, the City chose the vendor that provided the least expensive overall price for equipment and service.

5. New Business:

Statistics: Between Feb. 9 and April 24, (252) voters were deleted, (265) voters were added, and (862) records were updated.

(4,408) voters had not answered the census yet.

(4,553) signatures were certified for 24 candidates.

6. Adjourn: At 6:25 pm Registrar Kay moved to adjourn the meeting; Registrar Klepacki seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Registrar Polachek).
Adjourn

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