

Town of Williston
Board of Civil Authority
February 8th, 2021 6pm via Zoom

Members Present: Andy Mikell, Joy Limoge, Tony O'Rourke, Terry Macaig, Greta D'Agostino, Debbie Ingram, Gordon St. Hilaire, Joanna Cole, Sarah Mason

Town Clerk Sarah Mason made general comments welcoming the two newest JP's, Joanna Cole and Tony O'Rourke. All members were sworn in individually pre-meeting due to Covid 19.

1. Andy Mikell opened the meeting at 6:05pm. He also welcomed the new members and offered the help of the board with any questions that come up along the way about BCA duties.
2. On a motion by Joy Limoge and seconded by Terry Macaig, Andy Mikell was unanimously elected Chair for the new term.

On a motion by Terry Macaig and seconded by Gordon St. Hilaire, Joy Limoge was unanimously elected Vice Chair for the new term.

3. Sarah Mason explained VSA 17-2143 (Political Representation on Board of Civil Authority). The current make up of the BCA consists of 13 Democrats and 2 Republicans. This can be problematic when in need of two JPs from differing parties to deliver ballots to shut-ins or to be present at elections. Bret Powell, chair of the local republican party submitted Christopher D. Roy as a nominee for appointment to the board. Chris was 16th in the number of votes received during the November 2020 general election.

On a motion by Joy Limoge and seconded by Terry Macaig, it was unanimously voted to appoint Christopher D. Roy to the Board of Civil Authority having the same duties and authority with respect to elections as have other members of the board, but shall have no authority with respect to functions of the Board of Civil Authority that are not related to elections.

4. Sarah Mason reviewed the town meeting changes for this year. There will be no Monday night town meeting 3/1/2021. Instead, there will be a public information hearing via Zoom for people to attend and listen to budget presentations. The Armory will be open from 7am-7pm for in person voting. A heavy emphasis is being placed on early/absentee voting in the safety of one's own home. Return postage is being paid for this election by some leftover CARES money from the State. Availability for election day jobs was discussed and will continue to solidify in the upcoming weeks.
5. Sarah Mason gave an overview of the current voter checklist. It is in great shape due to increased awareness of residents coming and going due to: PTTRs, deaths, responses to Challenge Letters, written requests to be removed, and the increased use by the public of their My Voter Page account provided by the Secretary of State's office, where they can make updates and changes directly on their own.
6. Other Business-- Debbie Ingram asked the website be corrected to show current JPs elected.

Chair Andy Mikell adjourned the meeting at 6:25pm.

Minutes submitted by: Sarah Mason, Williston Town Clerk