



**Town of Paxton  
Board of Registrars Meeting  
November 20, 2022 5:30pm  
DRAFT MINUTES**

Location: Town Hall 697 Pleasant Street, Paxton

Members Present: Laurie Becker, David Stoica, Scott Dziewietin, Jennifer Bridgers

DS called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

LB made a motion to approve the minutes from the 8/3/2022 meeting. JB seconded. All in favor.

Note: In the minutes from 8/3/2022 the date for the counting of the overseas ballots was originally set for 11/18. This was rescheduled to 11/20 due to conflicts with the original date.

There were no FWABs or overseas ballots to count.

There was discussion regarding an email sent from SD to the BOR on election day. SD had sent an email because when he went to vote he was sent to the Warden's table because he had originally requested a VBM ballot. This is the proper procedure. However, when he got to the Warden's table he was asked for ID by the Warden which he should not have been. The Warden knows ID is not required in this case. She had received many inactive voters and just assumed SD was inactive. SD believes this error may have been made because she was distracted having a personal conversation. LB will talk to the Warden and remind her that #1) only ask for ID for Inactives or ID required cases and not for VBM issues and #2) we should keep personal conversations to a minimum and stay focused on the task at hand. #3) When ID is required a license is not the only form of ID, other forms are allowed.

It should be noted that LB never actually saw the email as it was in a format that could not be read on the work computer. DS called LB on 11/8 regarding the email. LB informed the Board that this is considered serial communication and violates open meeting law. The board was unaware of the serial communication rules and will be more careful in the future.

We discussed putting on the agenda for a future meeting discussing poll worker wages. We also discussed putting on the agenda Early Voting by Mail and Early Voting in Person for the local election.

LB updated the Board on the turnout for the election which was good. It was noted that this election was difficult because of the high voter turnout in person and the high number of VBM

ballots. The in-person turnout made it difficult to process VBM during the day. Early Processing of ballots will most likely need to be utilized in the Presidential Election. Overall, the election went very smoothly otherwise.

SD made a motion to close the meeting. JB seconded. All in favor.

The meeting closed at 5:46pm.

Submitted by Laurie Becker, Clerk

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