

**TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING
Tuesday, July 9, 2019**

Present: Janice Aldrich, Jennifer Zollner, Michael Duane, Rob Chickering, Don Welch, Lindy Johnson, Becky Reed, Ed Deegan, Ginny Burley, Carl Etnier (7:12 p.m.) Rosie Laquerre

A. The Meeting was called to order at 6:49 p.m. by Janice Aldrich.

- Additions to the Agenda - none
- Public Comment - none

B. NEMRC Voter Database Discussion:

Town Clerk, Rosie Laquerre, presented her concerns relative to the redundancy (duplication of work) and continued lack of support for the NEMRC Voter Management module. The NEMRC voter module was replaced by the mandatory Vermont Elections Management System (VEMS) in 2014. The VEMS system appears to be stable and provides excellent security and backup measures. Ms. Reed moved and Ms. Burley seconded to cease using the NEMRC voter module and use the VEMS system as the sole source for voter registration and maintenance. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Checklist Challenges Review:

The review began with a short quiz designed by the Secretary of State's office to remind members of the laws regarding when challenges and purging can occur. Ms. Laquerre provided a report with the names and addresses of those eligible to be challenged based on those who have not voted since March of 2016 and prior to that date. Board members will review the listing and report back to Ms. Laquerre with any changes they have.

After lively discussion relative to those on the listing who still live in town, the Board requested that instead of challenging them, an insert/flyer be sent to each person containing information on how voting can be made more accessible to them. Ms. Laquerre will work with Mr. Etnier to prepare the insert.

Ms. Laquerre reported that challenges (and inserts where applicable) would be sent out upon her return to the office the week of July 22. She reminded members that an e-mail from the voter is sufficient evidence to purge, if they have moved and registered to vote elsewhere.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by consensus at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rosie Laquerre, Town Clerk