TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER, VERMONT BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Present: Judith Dillon, Rosie Laquerre Jan Aldrich, Ed Deegan, Jon Jewett, Virginia Burley, Lindy Johnson, Amy Willis, Carl Etnier

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:01 p.m. Ms. Johnson moved and Ms. Burley seconded approval of minutes of September 28, 2020. The motion passed.

ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR:

Mr. Etnier nominated Jan Aldrich for the position of Chair.

Ms. Aldrich nominated Becky Reed as Vice Chair

Mr. Etnier moved, and Ms. Burley seconded that the slate of nominees for Chair and Vice Chair be appointed. The motion passed and Ms. Aldrich will serve as Chair, with Ms. Reed serving as Vice Chair.

CHECKLIST UPDATE: The Clerk provided names of voters added and deleted from the checklist since November 3. There were no questions. The Clerk reminded members that challenges to the checklist cannot be made right now but would be made as soon as Town Meeting voting is over. Performing these challenges at that time will assist in the Biennial purge process that will take place later this year.

TOWN MEETING: Ms. Aldrich and Ms. Burley noted that the setup at the school for voting with safety precautions for COVID-19 in the gym works quite well. The Clerk confirmed that the same procedures and protocols will be followed. Ms. Aldrich and Ms. Johnson moved to designate the East Montpelier Elementary School as the official polling place for Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

DEPOSIT OF EARLY BALLOTS IN TABULATOR Ms. Johnson moved and Ms. Dillon seconded the early deposit of ballots in the tabulator as allowed by law. The motion passed unanimously. The Clerk will notify members of the dates and times for ballot deposit. Ms. Burley offered to speak to Senator Anthony Pollina in support of the passage of H.48, which aids in the facilitation of the tabulation process.

Mrs. Laquerre reminded the Justices of the Peace in the meeting to return their notarized oaths before February 1.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully,

Rosie Laquerre, Town Clerk