

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, August 23, 2023

Present: Edie Miller, Ginny Burley, Janice Aldrich, Carl Etnier, Elise Thorsen, Jennifer Zollner, Scott Hess, Rosie Laquerre

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. by Chair, Jan Aldrich. Clerk Laquerre asked for some time to update the BCA on the progress of replacing Justice of the Peace, Lindy Johnson. There was no public comment,

Mr. Etnier moved and Mr. Hess seconded approval of the minutes of April 13, 2023 as presented. The motion passed.

An update on the process of appointing an Independent Justice of the Peace to replace Lindy Johnson, was given. The candidate names have been forwarded to the Governor's Office and we are awaiting news of which candidate will be appointed.

Clerk Laquerre explained the multiple processes she uses to find good addresses for challenged voters. She suggested using a conservative approach to purging voters, by keeping those who we can confirm live in town. Because of residency, these voters are still eligible to vote. Clerk Laquerre reminded the group that although the 2017 purge was completed, it was reversed later due to lack of information of reasons those people were purged. She also noted that many of the challenged voters are presumed to be young people who graduated from college and never returned to town. After discussion, Ms. Thorsen moved that the Town Clerk purge those voters who have been challenged and have not responded, excepting those voters who the Clerk can confirm still live in town. The motion passed.

Ms. Laquerre outlined the reasons she uses to purge. She noted that only a death notice or written notification from the voter is a reason to purge.

Volunteers ballot proofers for town meeting 2024 were requested. The volunteers will receive an old ballot to compare, the Selectboard Approved Warning and the draft ballot. Ms. Thorsen, Ms. Phillips, and Mrs. Aldrich volunteered to work on this project. Clerk Laquerre will notify them in late-January when materials are available.

Mr. Hess moved and Ms. Thorsen seconded adjournment. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosie Laquerre, Town Clerk