

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building

Present: Ginny Burley, Kate Phillips, Zoe Christiansen, Jan Aldrich, Becky Reed, Jez Harrington, Janice Waterman, Elise Thorsen, Jennifer Zollner, Rosie Laquerre

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jan Aldrich at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Laquerre noted that the August 23, 2023, minutes have been previously approved, so it isn't necessary to approve them again. Ms. Reed moved, and Ms. Thorsen seconded the minutes of September 21, 2023, as presented. There being no changes or discussion, upon voice vote, the minutes were approved.

Voter Residency Question: Town Clerk Laquerre noted that a recently challenged voter returned a challenge card in October stating that her residence is in East Montpelier even though her mailing address is in Illinois. Based on discussions with the resident and mailing address change information at the post office and town office, the resident has lived in Illinois with family for the last 24-36 months. Clerk Laquerre noted that the residence's property is for sale and buyers will be closing on the property well before Town Meeting. This being the case, the BCA concurs that a ballot should not be mailed to the challenged resident.

Education Outreach: The 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers at East Montpelier Elementary School reached out to Clerk Laquerre to ask if she would present a mini course on Civics and voting. Ms. Laquerre reports that she made her first presentation earlier in the day and it seemed well received. She looks forward to going back in mid- to late February to prepare them for their mock election. The school will vote for next year's dog tag.

Town Meeting Prep:

- Ms. Laquerre reviewed the ballot and Warning proofing protocol and requested volunteers. Ms. Thorsen, Ms. Phillips and Ms. Zollner offered to proofread these documents.
- The number of ballots being voted/counted was discussed, along with the various distribution methods
- Ms. Laquerre recommended not doing pre-tabulation, stating that should would be time to tabulate during the day.
- Individual BCA members will sign up for various sections of the workday on the google sheet that is being sent via email. If necessary, Clerk Laquerre will recruit other workers for election day
- Ms. Thorsen volunteered to help count WCUUSD ballots on the evening of March 6. Ms. Waterman and Ms. Aldrich will take the CVCC ballots to Barre for tabulation on Thursday, March 7 for 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Reed moved and Ms. Thorsen seconded adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosie Laquerre, Town Clerk