

Board of Registrars Meeting
Tuesday, January 17, 2023 | 3:00 PM

22 Monument Square, Select Board Room

MINUTES

Members present: Connie Benn, Chair, Anne Fortier, and Kaari Mai Tari, Town Clerk. Bart Littelfield joined the meeting for the early voting discussion. Also present was Karlen Reed.

- The minutes of 8/8/2022 and 8/29/2022 were approved.
- Following review of the Town Report submittal, it was voted to approve the report with the following additions: The month of April for Bart's appointment and Kaari will add a paragraph about ranked choice voting discussion that Connie will review prior to submittal.
- Kaari updated the board on the town-wide census progress. More than 8,000 census forms were mailed last week. When they are returned, they are sorted by level of complexity and then updated in the State's Voter Registration Information System. Voter updates are more complicated than resident updates. A voter cannot be deleted without the voter's signature, so when a voter is indicated as moved, they are moved to a different family code so that the census year isn't updated and then is inactivated. An inactive voter can only be deleted after two state election years of inactivation.
 - A roster-style vote by mail application is included on the back of the census form and many have been received.
- Discuss whether early voting is necessary before the February 16, 2023, Special Town Election.
 - Registrars discussed the merits of offering in person early voting at length. After considering the deadline for vote by mail applications (Thursday, February 9th at 5:00pm, they voted to recommend that the Select Board approve Friday, February 10 (8:30 – 4:30) and Saturday, February 11, (10:00am – 2:00pm). Initial discussion to offer in person

Approved 10/26/2023

early voting at the Town Clerk's window was met with some concern because of the already busy dog licensing and census return season and the fact that additional staffing could not fit into the office to help.

The meeting concluded at 4:05pm