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## Board of Registrars

### Minutes

August 6, 2020, 3:00pm

The meeting was held remotely via zoom

Members present: Joanne Mente, Chair, Wendy McNally, Kaari Mai Tari, Town Clerk

Continuation of discussion of the configuration of polling locations during COVID-19.

Kaari shared polling place configurations and noted that she would be meeting Marcia Rasmussen, Director of Planning and Land Management on August 7th.

Reivew of Polling location layouts

Precinct 1 (141 Keyes Rd): using the same space: changing entrance & exit directions and limiting the number of booths being used. Check in: using electronic poll pads. We may need to eliminate the check out table but it was suggested by K. Reed, who works as an Election Warden, that the Check out table is an important control for an accurate tally of voters.

There will be fewer booths in the room to allow for social distancing and the number of voters in the room will be limited to avoid any lines inside the polling place. The floors will be marked to help maintain 6' social distancing requirements.

Precincts 2 & 3 (Harvey Wheeler Community Center): Council on Aging Director Ginger Quarles suggested using the two doors that enter the auditorium from the outside of the building so that voters are not walking down narrow hallways to access the voting area. Temporary walls will be placed along the length of the room to help keep the two precincts separated. Doors leading to the main building will be marked as not an exit. There is always a level of confusion at a polling place with two precincts. In addition to signage, there will be election workers watching to be sure voters know where to go.

Precinct 4 (Ripley school building): plenty of room for voting. Entrance and exit doors go directly outdoors.

Precinct 5 (Hunt Recreation Center): no word about conflicts or concerns.

General questions:

How do we manage voting lines if it rains?

We may tabulate early voted ballots on election day but we have to keep ballots and election thumb drive secure and cannot divulge any information.

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End of night reporting? Check on wireless connection. Do we have to be open on electionday? (the building) to be accessible by the public? Kaari to find out the details. Registrars pick up tapes from one location and report in from the second location.

Timing of REgistrars meeting on September 1st.

Kaari will report back with Keyes Rd layout.

Timing of next meeting. Week of August 17th.

Judy Zaunbrecher from the LWV shared several questions and misperceptions from voters: People think they can bring mail in ballots to polling place. Needs to be in Town Clerk's office by 8:00pm on election day.

The League of Women Voters has set up a voter information line called Vote 411. K. Tari will look at getting this posted on the Towns website.

K. Reed pointed out that the new layout for precinct 5 has arrows showing a clockwise direction for voters... Normally the voting goes counter clockwise. Someone will need to be near the entrance to remind voters of this.. Wendy - someone in the middle directing people. Can exit straight out - using stairs.

Meeting again on the 18th.