

**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022, at 4:00pm
MINUTES**

IN ATTENDANCE: A quorum was achieved with 9 members present on Zoom. Selectboard – Tony Tribuno, John Gannon, Vince Rice, Sarah Fisher; Tom Fitzgerald; Justices of the Peace – Elizabeth McEwen, Patti Long, John Lebron; Town Clerk - Therese Lounsbury. Absent: Linda Green, Rhea Clark, Fred Houston.

1. CALLED TO ORDER - Chair Elizabeth McEwen called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

2. MINUTES APPROVAL – Motion to approve the minutes of February 7, 2022, as written. Motion made by John G, seconded by Patti. Motion carried with 2 abstentions (John L & Tom). Minutes will be available for signatures in the Town Clerk's Office.

3. BALLOT DROP BOX - Therese shared the specifications and a link to the ballot drop box that the Secretary of State's Office will provide to any town requesting it after a BCA vote. The expense to the town would only be in securing the box to the sidewalk in front of the Town Clerk's Office. Therese explained that the SOS will be mailing ballots to every registered voter in November, and this gives our voters the opportunity to return their ballot any day or time in a secure fashion. Motion to approve the request of a ballot drop box from the Secretary of State's Office made by John L, seconded by Vince. Motion carried.

4. Link shared for reviewing the ballot box.

5. TABULATOR UPDATE – Therese shared the news that the SOS would also be providing new voting tabulators this year. After reviewing many options, they chose to stay with vendor LHS (who we work with currently for our tabulators). New features include sorting of write-in ballots, thermal paper roll, larger screen with instructions for poll workers and voters, enhanced security. There will be full training in the coming months.

6. NEW VOTERS LIST – Therese shared the list of voters newly registered since last Town Meeting. Motion to approve the new voters list through March 14, 2022, made by Tony, seconded by Vince. Motion carried.

7. POTENTIAL RE-VOTE – Therese shared that there is a voter backed petition circulating for a re-vote on retail cannabis. If the petition is lodged by March 31, 2022, the Selectboard will have 60 days to warn the re-vote. Therese asked that the BCA be prepared to help with the polling station, as it will need to be open again for a full Tuesday, 7am to 7pm. The plan is for a paper ballot that will be hand counted. Information will be shared as it becomes available.

8. ABATEMENT HEARING DATE NEEDED – Therese shared that she has received an Abatement Request and was looking to the BOA (most of whom also sit on BCA) to come up with a potential date. It was agreed to do an in-person in the Town Hall on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 5:30pm if available.

9. TRAINING REMINDER – Therese reminded the Board that we still want to schedule training with PVR as we get closer to the time that the new Grand List will be lodged.

10. BCA CONTACT LIST – Therese asked the Board to review their contact information for any changes needed.

11. HEARING OF VISITORS – None

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN – Made by Vince, seconded by Tony. Meeting adjourned at 4:28pm.

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF, THESE MINUTES ARE A TRUE AND OFFICIAL RECORD OF ALL ACTION TAKEN AT THE BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD MARCH 14, 2022.

ATTEST:

Therese M. Lounsbury, Wilmington Town Clerk

DATE: MARCH 14, 2022

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