

BCA Members
 Charles Merriman,
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 Mary Just Skinner
 Steve Martin
 Phil Hyjek
 Dexter Lefavour
 Theo Kennedy
 Doug Lombard
 Chris McVeigh
Sarah Merriman

MIDDLESEX BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY
Tuesday, August 7, 2018
6:00 PM
Middlesex Town Clerk's Office
5 Church Street
Middlesex, Vermont 05602
(802) 223-5915

Minutes

PRESENT: Chair Charlie Merriman, Vice Chair Liz Scharf, Select Board members Peter Hood, Mary Just Skinner and Steve Martin; Justice of the Peace Dexter Lefavour, and Town Clerk Sarah Merriman

Mary called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM. There were no amendments to the agenda.

Designating Chair and Vice Chair for the 2018 BCA

MOTION: Liz moved and Steve seconded nominating Charlie as Chair. The motion passed.

MOTION: Sarah moved and Mary seconded nominating Liz as Vice Chair. The motion passed.

Ballot Clerks for the August 14, 2018 Statewide Primary

MOTION: Mary Moved and Liz seconded approving the following as ballot workers for the statewide primary: Helen Weed, Jane Tucker, Dorinda Crowell, Heather Katz, Susan Rickstad and Eric Young. The motion passed.

BCA members were assigned to work the polls in 3-hour shifts.

Appointing Poll Workers to Count Ballots

MOTION: Mary moved and Liz seconded the following to help count ballots after the polls have closed: Woden Teachout, Susan Clark, Cindy Carlson and Sarah Seidman. The motion passed.

Approval of Additions & Purges to/from the Town Checklist

The BCA reviewed additions and purges to/from the checklist since the February 27, 2018 meeting. (Lists of pertinent voters attached.)

The BCA was given handouts of pertinent changes to Vermont law regarding processing of absentee ballots and handling defective ballots. The BCA also discussed what role political candidates who are BCA members should play on Election Day and it was decided that as long as they are not involved in counting ballots or campaigning in the voting area of Town Hall, there should be no issue.

Designating Two JPs to Deliver Ballots to Housebound Voters for the Statewide Primary and November General Election

Due to a change in state law that allows housebound voters to request two JPs deliver ballots as soon as they are available (45 days before an election) and that those JPs no longer have to be of opposite political parties in smaller towns, the BCA considered the following:

MOTION: Mary moved and Liz seconded appointing Charlie and Peter to deliver ballots to housebound voters unless Peter was unavailable, at which point Doug Lombard would take his place. The motion passed.

Charlie adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Merriman
Town Clerk/Select Board Assistant