

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN**

**Board of Registrars**

**MEETING MINUTES OF**

**March 1, 2016**

**MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN CLERK OFFICE**

**Members Present:** Doug Johnstone, Dick Caouette, Tom Coen, Susan Avellar.

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** None

Doug Johnstone called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Minutes of the October 27, 2015 Board of Registrars meeting were reviewed.

*Dick Caouette moved to accept the meeting minutes of October 27, 2015, Tom Coen seconded and it was so voted 4-0-0.*

New member Susan Avellar was introduced. Susan is an unenrolled voter and was appointed after due diligence to recruit a registered republican to fill the vacancy created by Neil Anderson's resignation in December. With less than 80 registered republicans in Provincetown it was necessary to write to the State Republican Committee to alert them of the vacancy and to solicit names to be considered for appointment, but they did not respond within the 45 day period (and have yet to respond) so the vacancy could be filled by another party affiliation if needed.

Doug Johnstone reported that there were no provisional ballots cast in the March 1, 2016 Presidential Primary Election and although the voter turnout was good, the election itself was uneventful with no exceptional incidents to report (election journal attached).

The remaining elections in 2016 were discussed: the May 3, 2016 Annual Town Election; September 8, 2016 State Primary Election; and the November 8, 2016 State Election.

Doug Johnstone reminded the registrars that the deadline for submitting nomination papers to run in the May 3, 2016 Annual Town election is Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, so he will be contacting the registrars after that date to come in and certify the signatures on returned nomination papers.

Susan Avellar moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and it was so moved unanimously.