

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

Board of Registrars

MEETING MINUTES OF

September 14, 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 4:30 pm.

Minutes of the May 3, 2016 Board of Registrars meeting were reviewed.

Susan Avellar moved to accept the meeting minutes of May 3, 2016, Tom Coen seconded and it was so voted 4-0-0.

Doug Johnstone reported that the September 8, 2016 State Primary election was uneventful, with a total of 762 ballots cast, representing a 25% voter turnout. There were no provisional ballots cast in the September 8, 2016 State Primary Election.

The upcoming November 8, 2016 State Election was discussed. Doug Johnstone said he intends on doubling the number of counters and considering two master tallies in anticipation of high voter participation.

The State is instituting early voting beginning with the November 8, 2016 State Election, which requires an early voting period to begin 11 days prior to the election and end 4 days before the election. The procedure will be similar to absentee voting. The Town Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for the purposes of early voting. While not a requirement from the State, weekend voting is allowed and Doug Johnstone reports that any effort to make voting easier is welcome and the Saturday hours may be more convenient for some and create less traffic and congestion within the polling location on the actual day of voting.

The Board addressed a request from the Charter Commission to review the current section of the Charter that pertains directly to the Board of Registrars. Doug Johnstone had drafted edits to the section for the Board's consideration and the Board recommended sending the section, as revised, to the Charter Commission.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 7:30 pm in the Town Clerk's Outer Office.

Tom Coen moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. and it was so moved unanimously.