

## **DRAFT Minutes Board of Civil Authority Meeting**

**December 3, 2018            Town Clerk's Office - 6:00PM**

Members present: Linda Barrett, Chair, Joan Huestis, David Bronson, Tim Howlett, Matt Lawton, Paul Wagner, Clement Gaboriault, Chris Goodrich, Mike Lawton (came at 7:00 P.M.)

Members not present: Corey Pratt, Darwin Pratt and Valerie Bourgeois, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Linda Barrett, Chair at 6:00 P.M.

There was no public comment.

The question of getting a voting tabulator was extensively discussed. David Bronson shared information he had of State statutes and from Addison's Town Clerk about their use of the tabulator. David stated they do not use it for yes/no votes but do use for all other votes including Annual Meeting, State and National elections. The state provides the machine and pays \$500.00 towards upkeep. All ballots still need to be looked at for discrepancies. Because our population of legal voters is below 1000, it is not mandatory to have a vote tabulator machine.

In November, the problem lay with transferring figures to the summary sheets.

Joan moved the question and made the motion to get a tabulator to be used starting with the 2019 Town Meeting. There was no second. Motion failed.

Motion was made by Matt, seconded by Tim to table the discussion. Motion passed with one "No".

Other Business:

Linda spoke about the meeting she attended with the select board after the November election pointing out state rules in regard to elections. One rule being that no one is supposed to leave until all figures are correct and the totals are announced to the people at the counting place. Also, that all ballots are securely sealed in bags with original documents, then taken directly to the vault. The question was asked if Clerk understood the rules and if she had been notified in writing. The short answer was no, only verbally. Suggestion was made to buy new black bags with locking zippers.

Motion was made by Chris and seconded by Tim to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 7:13.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Huestis, Acting Clerk