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Town of Shaftsbury

Municipal Offices at Cole Hall

Meeting Minutes

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Board of Civil Authority

Date of Meeting: September 24, 2024

Members Present: Marna Dailey, Vice Chair; Carl Korman; Nancy Burns; Linda Morris; Mike Caslin; Joe Coonradt; Ann Mele; Alice Miller; Joan Dornhoefer; Naomi Miller; Tony Krulikowski; Marlene Hall, Town Clerk

Marna opened the meeting at 6:00

Discussion on allowing absentee ballots to be processed by two BCA members starting approximately 30 days before the election

Marlene Stated that the new tabulators, while very good are also very slow as they record an image of each ballot inserted as it is counted. In March election officials were at the polls until midnight putting absentee ballots through the tabulator. For this reason she requested that the BCA allow ballots to be processed early.

Linda made the motion to allow ballots to be processed into the tabulator starting approximately 30 days before the election by two JPs. Mike seconded the motion.

Motion passed 12-0-0

Discussion on giving rides to the polls

After some discussion on the benefits and possible problems of offering rides to citizens to the polls it was decided that: because each registered voter will receive an absentee ballot via USPS, and the town always offers in-home delivery of ballots by two JP's, this was not something the BCA could justify.

Linda made the motion to not allow the town to offer rides to the polls, but as always, 2 JP's would be able to deliver and/or pick up ballots at voters homes upon request. Ann seconded the motion.

Motion passed 12-0-0

Discussion on Poll Workers to be hired

Marlene asked that she be allowed to hire any poll workers needed from the voter checklist for upcoming elections.

Alice made the motion to allow the Town Clerk to hire any registered Shaftsbury voter to work the polls. Carl seconded the motion. Motion passed 12-0-0

Other Business

Carl asked for a motion to allow the Shaftsbury Historical Society to sell their "Older than Vermont" fundraising t-shirts at the election. Motion was made by Naomi and seconded by Joan.

Motion passed 12-0-0

With no other business to come before the board, Marlene made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ann seconded.

Motion passed 12-0-0

Meeting adjourned 6:30

Respectfully Submitted,

Marlene Hall, Town Clerk