

BCA Meeting Minutes-
Thursday, September 9, 2021
Steele Community Room and Zoom, 5:30 pm

Present: Karen Petrovic, Town of Waterbury
Liz Schlegel Stevens, BCA chair; Jim Adams; Paul Blake; Robert Dostis; Linda Gravell; Pauline Nolte; Harry Shepard; Katrina Van Tyne; Bob Butler & Mike Bard were on Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

The proposed agenda for the meeting was approved unanimously. Paul Blake made the motion and Linda Gravell seconded.

Harry Shepard moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2021 BCA meeting, seconded by Katrina Van Tyne; motion was approved unanimously.

Members of the group spoke in remembrance of longtime BCA member Jack Carter, who passed away in June. He will be very much missed!

We then began the biennial review of the Waterbury Voter checklist using the lists (Challenge 1 and Challenge 2) that Carla Lawrence had distributed in advance. Liz did a quick review of the challenge process, emphasizing that even when a voter is removed from the Waterbury checklist, they are still able to register same-day if they need to in order to vote.

Linda Gravell noted that we should tell people in the challenge letter that they can re-register at any time and that Vermont has same-day registration. Liz will ask Carla to share the full challenge process and letter with BCA members.

We reviewed the first list – Challenge 1, of voters who have not voted in the last 2 general elections – and Robert Dostis moved that we ask the Town Clerk to send these people a challenge letter along with the information about what they would need to do to change their status. Paul Blake seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

In considering the Challenge 2 list of voters who have registered but have not ever voted, we referred back to the meeting notes from this meeting in 2019, where we were reluctant to eliminate these voters before the 2020 election cycle. Now, given the fact that these voters did not vote but do have the ready option of re-registering if necessary, the consensus was to challenge them as well. Robert Dostis made the motion, seconded by Harry, and it was approved unanimously.

The board then discussed Carla's request to move the school bond vote location to the Municipal Building. Robert Dostis made that motion with Linda Gravell as second, approved unanimously.

We then had a brief discussion of the upcoming legislative reapportionment, per the letter received from Tom Little, Chair of the Reapportionment Board. [link: <https://sos.vermont.gov/media/si0jkvem/memorandum-to-town-clerks-et-al-09-07-2021-draft.pdf>]. The BCA will be prepared to meet to discuss and give feedback on the recommendations in the window identified by the Reapportionment Board (October 18-November 15, 2021).

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Harry and seconded by Linda. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Schlegel Stevens