

Board of Registrars, May 9, 2013

Approved Minutes of the Board of Registrars' Meeting

Held on May 9, 2013

The Board of Registrars met on Thursday, May 9, 2013 and the meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. In attendance were: William Francis, Christopher Matthews, and Kathleen A. Curran. Laurie Withrow, attended the meeting. Laurie is recommended by the Republican Town Committee to replace Jane Wilder as Registrar, whose term expired this year.

There was discussion on the recommendation of the Republican Town Committee to recommend Laurie Withrow as Registrar to replace Jane Wilder whose term expires this year.

The Board of Registrars voted in favor, (two for and one opposed) to support the Republican Town Committee's recommendation. While William Francis and Kathleen Curran were in favor, Christopher Matthews opposed the recommendation as he felt that there should be two democratic Registrars on the Board as there are more registered Democrat voters in the town. Discussion continued on this topic as Chris stated that he has made a request to Representative, Jim Cantwell that he receive in writing by the Secretary of State's office, that this is not necessary. As it stands now, the Board of Registrars consists of one Unenrolled, one Democrat, and two Republicans. According to MGL CH.51 Sec.18-Political Representation; board of registrars... "members of the board shall represent the two leading political parties and in no case shall an appointment be made so as to have a board to have more than two members ...of the same political party." According to the Secretary of State's office when new appointments are made to replace a registrar the replacement must be of the same political party.

William Francis and Kathleen Curran voted in favor to support the recommendation of the Democratic Town Committee that John Whittaker be appointed to replace Chris Matthews as Registrar as he is resigning from his position. Chris Matthews abstained from voting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:25 p.m.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 3, 2013 at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes approved unanimously by the Board of Registrars at the meeting held on July 31, 2013.

William Francis, Chairman

John Whittaker

Laurie Withrow

Kathleen A. Curran-Clerk