

Lincoln Board of Civil Authority Meeting Minutes
Wed., Aug. 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
This meeting was held remotely
Via Go To Meeting

Present: Sally Ober, Bill Finger, Will Sipsey, Paul Forlenza, Sally Taylor, Nancy Stevens, Ilana Brett

Paul Forlenza called the meeting to order at: 7:08 p.m.

1. Announcements:
 - a. Sally Ober said that absentee voting has been ten times the amount we normally experience for this coming August 11 election:
 - i. In the 2016 Primary 407 voters participated, of which 57 were absentee
 - ii. In the 2018 Primary 444 voters participated, of which 47 were absentee
 - iii. As of yesterday we have issued 450 absentee ballots, of which 204 have been returned so far.
 - b. There were about 8 absentee ballots issued in duplicate to our voters, and Sally O. reported that the problem is being addressed with the programmers from the State level.
 - c. Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes of our last meeting. Sally T. seconded, passed.
2. Outdoor election under a big “wedding” type tent
 - a. Paul shared a schematic for setting up the polling place which allows for social distancing
 - b. Sally O. has a plan for moving indoors if the weather requires it.
 - c. Mark M. will help set up the polling place, including power and lighting
 - d. Will Sipsey is available to help with tables if needed.
3. Vote counting will happen inside with a minimum number of people involved.
4. Sally O. encouraged everyone to read the Covid protocols from the VT Sec. of State’s Office
5. Sally T. and Ilana will help Sally O. with checking in absentee ballots prior to election day. This will involve marking the names on the checklist, and opening the envelopes to ensure that on election day we have enough time to send all of the ballots through the tabulator.
6. We did not review all the voter checklist changes made by the Town Clerk, because there were too many to compile into a short table. The report generated by the elections management system was very, very long. The clerk is authorized by law, to make updates to the voter checklist without BCA approval. The Lincoln BCA has continued this review out of tradition until now.
7. Sally O. reviewed the list of election workers
8. Sally O. nominated Mark Mulqueen and Paul Forlenza as alternate co-presiding officers, if needed for the Aug. 11, 2020 election. Will seconded. Passed.
9. Nancy, Paul, and Mark could deliver ballots if needed
10. Will made a motion to adjourn.
11. Adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Town Clerk, Sally Ober