

Lincoln Board of Civil Authority Meeting
Wed., Feb. 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Via: Go To Meeting due to Covid-19 pandemic

Present: Sally Ober, Sally Taylor, Bill Finger, Paul Forlenza, Ann Pollender, Mark Mulqueen, Ann Kensek, Ari Kirshenbaum, Nancy Stevens

1. Sally Ober called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm, and asked for nominations for Chair of the Board. Sally T. nominated Paul Forlenza, Sally O. seconded. Ann P. nominated Mark Mulqueen for Vice Chair, Sally O. seconded. Hearing no other nominations, the slate of candidates passed. Paul Forlenza took over running the meeting.
2. We welcomed Ann Kensek as our newly elected Justice of the Peace. Sally Ober said a lot of absentee ballots have been issued. Many more than normal for a local election.
3. Paul made a motion and Mark seconded, to accept the minutes of our October meeting. Passed.
4. Sally O. made a motion and Ann K. seconded to approve Burnham Hall as our official polling place for all upcoming elections until we vote to change it. Passed.
5. We reviewed the lists of voter checklist changes. Nancy made a motion to approve them, Mark seconded. Passed
6. Sally O. read the list of election workers. A few more were still needed. Sally T. made a motion to accept the election workers, Ari seconded. Passed.
7. Sally O. asked for permission from the BCA to open absentee ballots and check them in on the voter checklist prior to election day. Hearing no objections, Nancy and Mark volunteered to help Sally with this on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 9-11 a.m. at the town office.
8. Nancy nominated Ann Kensek to be the alternate presiding officer for the March 2, 2021 local election. Sally Taylor seconded. Sally O. nominated Mark Mulqueen to be the alternate presiding officer. Paul seconded. Discussion: Ann Kensek already has an important job of totaling all the ballot counts at the end of election day. If we appoint her, then someone new would have to learn that job. Sally Ober said that Mark knows how to use the tabulator machine and he is well suited to take on the leadership aspect of the presiding officer's job. It appeared that all were in favor of Mark and none opposed, but no actual count was taken. Ari made a motion to withdraw Ann Kensek from the nomination pool, Paul seconded. Passed. Mark is the Alternate Presiding Officer for the March 2, 2021 election.
9. Brief discussion of weapons in the polling place. Sally O. assured everyone that she is not overly concerned about violence or voter intimidation here in Lincoln.
10. Home-delivery team for ballots, if requested, could be Sally T., Ari, or Mark.
11. Adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sally Ober, Clerk of the BCA