

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

May 10, 2001

12:00 PM

Chairman Arnold called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

PRESENT: Barbara Arnold, Leo Bernier and Rita Pepino

ABSENT: Dr. Rita Brack and Brian McHugh

MESSRS: Deputy Clerk Tricia Piecuch

Chairman Arnold advised that the purpose of the meeting is organizational in nature and that according to City Charter, Section 5.11(f) Organization. Annually in May before transacting any other business, the Board of Registrars shall appoint one of its members as Chairman and one as Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Bernier, duly seconded by Ms. Arnold, it was voted to appoint Ms. Pepino as Chairman of the Board of Registrars. There being none opposed the motion carried.

On motion of Ms. Pepino, duly seconded by Mr. Bernier, it was voted to appoint Ms. Arnold as Clerk of the Board of Registrars. There being none opposed the motion carried.

Chairman Pepino addressed item 4 of the agenda:

Acceptance of voter checklist (additions, deletions and changes) from November 1, 2000 to April 30, 2001.

On motion of Mr. Bernier, duly seconded by Ms. Arnold, it was voted to accept the changes in the voter checklist from November 1, 2000 to April 30, 2001. There being none opposed the motion carried.

Chairman Pepino addressed item 5 of the agenda:

Update on 10-year purge and mailings to 6635 registered voters.

Ms. Pepino asked Mr. Bernier about the candidate letters he had received back.

Mr. Bernier replied that he was waiting until the purge was completed as they may take of most of them.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch handed out the letter that was sent to the 6,635 voters regarding the 10-year purge stated that all voters had 30 days in which to come into our office to re-register to vote or they would be deleted. She stated that the City Clerk's Office will be opened on two evenings and one Saturday to accommodate the public and that legal notices were being placed in The Union Leader.

Mr. Bernier stated that if they failed to come into our office they could still go to their polling location on election day and register to vote.

Ms. Pepino stated that it gives them no excuses not to vote.

Mr. Bernier stated it was their own responsibility and they could handle it either way.

Ms. Pepino stated if they cared about voting then they will show up.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated that at the next meeting of the Board they would have to accept the changes to the checklist and would have to certify the checklist to be in compliance with state law whose deadline is no later than September 1, 2001.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated she had an item of new business that was forwarded from Ms. Arnold that she received from the Department of State regarding a lawsuit against the State and the Town of Raymond where a woman was denied the right to vote as the Town had questioned her citizenship. The Town of Raymond did not give her the option of completing a citizenship affidavit and as a result of the lawsuit the Department of State is asking all towns to post signs regarding voter registration requirements. We have used the wording from the State and have the sign in draft form, so that at the next election we will be posting two of them in each ward.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Registrars, on motion of Mr. Bernier, duly seconded by Ms. Arnold, it was voted to adjourn.

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A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee