

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

December 3, 2001

12:00 PM

Deputy Clerk Piecuch called the meeting to order in absence of Chairman Pepino asked for a motion to elect a Chairman Pro-Tem. On motion of Ms. Krasner, duly seconded by Ms. Piecuch it was voted to elect Barbara Arnold as Chairman Pro-Tem. There being none opposed the motion carried.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Barbara Arnold, Dorothy Krasner, Brian McHugh (late), Tricia Piecuch representing Leo Bernier

Absent: Rita Pepino, Leo Bernier

Messrs: Deputy Clerk Paula LeBlond-Kang

Chairman Arnold addressed item 3 of the agenda:

Reports from City Solicitor, if available, regarding legal residences of Henry Thibault and former Congressman & Mrs. Norman D'Amours.

Ms. Krasner stated I would like to see the report.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch noted that we have not received the report from the City Solicitor's Office, but we have received from Henry Thibault a residency affidavit that he has completed stating that he does reside at 280 Thornton Street, so he has fulfilled the requirements of RSA 654:44, which is Removing Names from the Checklist; Notice Required. He did within the 30 days respond.

Chairman Arnold stated so he had done what he was supposed to do. So he is fine.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch asked do you want to take it two separate motions?

Ms. Krasner replied yes.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch asked for a motion.

Ms. Krasner moved that I make the motion that we accept the residency affidavit of Henry Thibault and that the City Clerk's Office be instructed to keep him on the checklist at the address of 280 Thornton Street in Manchester. Chairman Arnold, duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Arnold started addressing item 4 of the agenda.

Deputy Clerk LeBlond-Kang replied no, we still need to take up former Congressman and Mrs. Norm D'Amours.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch replied that was correct as we took it into separate motions, as we have received, and again, following RSA 654:44, we did send notices out to them. We have received them back, as you will see.

Chairman Arnold said from Congressman D'Amours.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch replied yes. They are marked attempted not known. They were not able to be delivered.

Chairman Arnold asked where, at their address.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch showed them the letters noting the return from the post office stating we received it back.

Chairman Arnold asked did we do that a couple of times or just once?

Deputy Clerk Piecuch said we mailed them one letter each. One to the Congressman and one to his wife and we received them back.

Chairman Arnold said so he is not.

Mr. McHugh entered the meeting.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated we received them back as returned to sender, attempted unknown.

Chairman Arnold asked what is your pleasure?

Ms. Krasner said let me discuss it for a second. If we, at this point decide that given this attempted not known that we want to remove them from the rolls, are they notified somehow that they are removed from the rolls or would it be simply

the next time they attempted to vote from that address would they then be told that you are no longer on the voting roll?

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated that is what would transpire.

Ms. Krasner confirmed the second one; that then they would get a notice at that time.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch replied correct. That currently if we tried to send something out telling them that we did remove them from the voter checklist we would most likely receive it back attempted not known.

Chairman Arnold stated so we got it back attempted not known.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated yes and that they did vote in both the September 2001 and November 2001 as an absentee voter.

Ms. Krasner asked at that address?

Deputy Clerk Piecuch replied yes, using that address.

Chairman Arnold asked does the City Solicitor does he still have to tell us something about this?

Ms. Krasner replied I don't think so.

Deputy Clerk LeBlond-Kang stated you don't have to.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch replied no.

Ms. Krasner stated if these are the standard procedures, then this is what has happened.

Chairman Arnold replied that it was our standard procedure. Can we have a motion for that.

On motion of Mr. McHugh, duly seconded by Ms. Krasner it was voted to remove Congressman and Mrs. Norm D'Amours from the checklist. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Arnold addressed item 4 of the agenda:

Copy of a communication dated November 1, 2001 forwarded to

Therese Daniel, Joanna Paradise, Clarisse Jensen, Rita Robidoux, Kathleen Hardy, Barry Ritchie, and Lisa Ritchie relative to their official residence.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated I will do these in order as they appear here on the agenda. Therese Daniel was sent out and we received it back from the Post Office return to sender, moved left no address. On Joanna Paradise we received back from the Post Office forwarded time expired. On Clairisse Jensen, she did send in a residency affidavit, but she was married December 18, 2000 and has since changed her name to Clarisse Charland.

Chairman Arnold asked so what does that do?

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated we would make sure that she is on the checklist as Clarisse Charland in lieu of Clairisse Jensen at that address.

Chairman Arnold asked at that address?

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated at the address of 709 Rimmon Street.

Chairman Arnold replied okay.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated on Rita Robidoux she came in and filled out a residency affidavit and showed documentation showing her 93 Whitemore address. Kathleen Hardy, Barry Ritchie and Lisa Ritchie letters were mailed out and we did not receive anything back nor did we receive any response from them. So my recommendation to the Board of Registrars would be to remove Therese Daniel, Joanna Paradise, amend Clairisse Jensen to Clarisse Charland, accept Rita Robidoux's and also remove Kathleen Hardy, Barry Ritchie and Lisa Ritchie.

Chairman Arnold asked is Rita Robidoux all right?

Deputy Clerk Piecuch replied yes, that is correct. Rita Robidoux and Clarisse Jensen, which she has changed her name to Charland. That would be my recommendation to the Board.

Chairman Arnold stated can we have a motion to that.

On motion of Mr. McHugh, duly seconded by Ms. Krasner it was voted to remove Therese Daniel, Joanna Paradise, Kathleen Hardy, Barry Ritchie and Lisa Ritchie from the voter registration checklist. It was also voted to keep on the checklist Rita Robidoux and to change Clairisse Jensen's name to Clairisse Charland. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Arnold asked do we need the City Solicitor?

Deputy Clerk Piecuch replied no, we are all set as we did follow the letter of the law.

Ms. Krasner asked do you have anything else.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch said yes I do. What we have here is political advertising that were sent out and returned to our office from the candidates. What we would like to do is to go ahead and send letters out to these individuals following RSA 654:44 procedures as we did now. Some of them I have already looked at and some of the addresses have already been changed, so what I would like to do before and prior to sending out letters is to verify whether or not they are still at the residence listed on the postcard. If they are not then we not going to send them a letter. This one the address had changed. This one we did a physical, these two individuals right here, George and Alice Plastiras, we did a physical check and they did reside at that residence. These two, Mary Ellen and James Wiczorek we checked there and their names are on the mailbox. Why they didn't receive it I do not know. Just to let you know we have gone out.....

Chairman Arnold said what a lot of work.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch and did check some of them that we did receive, but we would like permission to do a mailing to these individuals after checking the checklist to see whether or not any changes have been made and then have the Board meet some time in February, because with January being very busy with Inauguration and stuff.

Chairman Arnold asked do we need a motion to give you that.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch replied, yes we do.

Ms. Krasner moved that the City Clerk's Office following the outlined procedure to determine if these people, inclusive from the political advertising are or not eligible registered voters and that they bring the results to our next meeting in

February. Mr. McHugh duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch asked would you like to set the meeting date for February, as I do need to put that in the letter as they can appear before the Board of Registrars

Chairman Arnold replied yes. I would like to do it now.

Ms. Krasner replied yes. I am pretty sure that I do not have anything going on in February. Let's avoid Winterfest week, which is the last week.

Mr. McHugh asked who is doing all these physical check-ups. Is that you out there on your bike.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated Leo Bernier and myself have gone out and did physical checks.

Mr. McHugh replied really.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch replied yes.

Ms. Krasner stated you have got to remember that the Post Office is distracted these days, so they may not always do the right thing.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch said that with the amount of mailings that are going out at that time, too.

Ms. Krasner said that postcards are difficult. I have seen postcards get stuck together. Ms. Krasner, in looking at the calendar, stated this week is very bad for me, the last week of the month.

Deputy Clerk LeBlond-Kang asked how about the first week?

Deputy Clerk Piecuch said or what about the second week?

Ms. Krasner replied either one is fine with me.

Chairman Arnold stated I don't have any calendar with dates. Wait a minute. I think that will be good.

Deputy Clerk LeBlond-Kang asked which one? Brian.

Mr. McHugh said whatever is good with them.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch asked want to do it February 11th.

Ms. Krasner replied that was good.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch said at 12:00 on Monday. Do you want to do a Monday?

Chairman Arnold replied Monday is good.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch said then we will do Monday, February 11, 2002 at Noon here in the City Clerk's Office.

Ms. Krasner said I was just going to ask know, at this point, now that we have had the meeting and taken the action, now if Mark Hayward or if someone from the *Union Leader* calls and it is now public information that these people have been changed around on the voter rolls.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch replied correct.

Chairman Arnold asked Hank Thibault is okay right.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch replied yes, he was going to remain on the checklist. Just those two and the other individuals will be removed.

Chairman Arnold asked how do you spell that Clairsse Charland.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch said Clairsse Charland, C H A R L A N D.

Chairman Arnold replied okay. Do we have any other business to come before the board. If not, can we have a motion to adjourn.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. McHugh, duly seconded by Ms. Krasner it was voted to adjourn. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

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