

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

February 11, 2002

12:00 PM

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

Chairman Arnold called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

Absent: Rita Pepino, Leo Bernier

Chairman Arnold addressed item 3 of the agenda:

Copy of a communication dated January 4, 2002, forwarded to
63 Manchester residents relative to their official residence.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated I would like to go over the list I provided to you. On the list the "MR" reflects that we received the mail back from the Post Office. If you look at the envelopes you will note that some of them are showing a route number and the initials and others are showing new addresses within the city as well as moved and left no forwarding addresses. On the list the "AR" reflects that we did receive a residency affidavit on the individual. If you look at Aaron Ritzenthaler he supplied us with a new address of 425 Hayward Street, Charles Hill asked to have Junior added to his name after a discussion I had with him and him thinking it was his father, but in reality it was him. On Anita Provencher she supplied us with a copy of the residency affidavit and not the original, but did add an apartment number to her affidavit. On Karl Purdy, we did receive an affidavit along with a letter from him. Mr. Purdy is currently on active duty in Texas and does wish to remain as a registered voter in Manchester. His address here in Manchester is that of his in-laws. Also, there are individuals we did not receive a letter back from nor did we receive a residency affidavit. Those individuals are Timothy Tremblay, Suzanne Simpson, Barbara Roberge, MaryAnn Markey, Shannon Grenier, Albert Genest and Tanya Baker. I ask that we take two motions, one being to accept the residency affidavits as submitted and the other to delete all

those individuals where we did not receive a letter back or we received the mail back from the Post Office.

Chairman Arnold said I have a question. I contacted Ray Wieczorek and he said that his son, James is living with him at 1060 Ray Street. I know they used to be in Ward 5, but now they are in Ward 1.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated I did receive mail back from the Wieczorek's which showed that they had moved and left no forwarding address.

Chairman Arnold asked what do they have to do now?

Deputy Clerk Piecuch said that they need to come into our office showing proof of their residency at 1060 Ray Street like all new voters need to do or they can go to the polls and register on election day.

Chairman Arnold stated I thought so, but just wanted to make sure.

On motion of Tricia Piecuch, duly seconded by Brian McHugh, it was voted to accept the residency affidavits with changes of Aaron Ritzenthaler, Charles Hill, Didi Genest, Karl Purdy, Therese Roberge, George Roberge, Angelia Lemire, Doris Coonor and Anita Provencher, keeping them as registered voters in Manchester. There being none opposed the motion carried.

On motion of Dorothy Krasner, duly seconded by Tricia Piecuch, it was voted to delete those individuals from the voter list whose mail was received back from the Post Office as well as those who did not respond. There being none opposed the motion carried.

Chairman Arnold asked if there was any new business to come before the Board.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch started I do have one item of new business. As you are aware we can register voters on election day by following strict guidelines. In the office we also register voters but we are finding it more difficult as most of those individuals coming to register to vote just want to obtain their driver's license. The Department of Motor Vehicles are sending these individuals to us to register to vote so that they can establish a domicile and get their license. Leo Bernier would like the Board to start reviewing these voter registration cards before adding them to the checklist. The Office has spoken with the Department of Motor Vehicles asking that they do not send these individuals down to our office to register to vote in order for them to prove they are residents of Manchester in order to obtain driver's licenses. As you are aware the law states that the voters are not legally registered to vote until such time as approved by the supervisor's of the checklist. The first voter is

Vincent Mattes who has a copy of his birth certificate, social security card, copy of his passport and one piece of mail showing his 362 Kelly Street address.

Ms. Krasner asked did he sign a residency affidavit.

Deputy Clerk Picuch replied no, but if it is the Board's wish we can send him a letter asking for him to complete one.

Ms. Krasner replied absolutely. I feel some may need to sign the residency affidavit just like they would in the ward, making sure that they are signing it under penalty of perjury and that it will be followed up by the City Clerk's Office. It shouldn't be a convenience to register to vote if all they want is their driver's license. I want to threaten them with the affidavit as its being signed under perjury. Voting is a right, where as driving is a privilege.

Chairman Arnold replied it was a good idea.

Mr. McHugh agreed.

Deputy Clerk Picuch replied I will send out a letter to Mr. Mattes asking that he complete the residency affidavit and forward back to our office. The next individual, Tessa Keys shows a rental receipt, copy of passport, copy of Washington's driver license and two pieces of mail with her 41 Martel address. The next is Christina Mecum who has supplied us with a copy of her paycheck, a Washington's drivers license and a piece of mail showing us her 387 Belmont Street address. Daniel Eckman has supplied us with a New Hampshire's driver's license showing the correct address of 1280 Union Street, on the front of his license issued 10/31/2000. Dustin Aldrich has supplied us with a copy of his New Hampshire's driver's license issued 2/8/02 along with a vehicle registration showing his current address of 25 Greenview Drive #23. The last individual is Steven Milanese who has provided us with a copy of his California's driver's license, birth certificate, social security card receipt and a copy of his PSNH bill with his name on it.

Ms. Krasner stated I would like to accept some of them, but others I would like to have residency affidavits mailed. Would that be a problem?

Deputy Clerk Picuch replied no.

On motion of Dorothy Krasner, seconded by Barbara Arnold, it was voted to accept the voter registration cards of Steven Milanese, Dustin Aldrich and Daniel Eckman as submitted to the Board of Registrars. There being none opposed the motion carried.

On motion of Dorothy Krasner, seconded by Barbara Arnold, it was voted to send letters to Christina Mecum, Tessa Keys and Vincent Mattes requesting they complete a residency affidavit to be submitted to the Board at their next meeting. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Ms. Krasner asked if it was appropriate that the Board of Registrars send a letter to the Department of Motor Vehicles asking that they do not instruct these individuals to come down to the City Clerk's Office to register to vote in order to obtain a driver's license.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch said let me check with Leo R. Bernier as I know he has had contact with them and then I will contact the members.

There being no other business to come before the Board, on motion of Brian McHugh, duly seconded by Dorothy Krasner, it was voted to adjourn.

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