

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

March 4, 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.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

Absent: Rita Pepino, Brian McHugh

Chairman Arnold addressed item 3 of the:

Acceptance of voter checklist (addition, deletions and changes) from January 27, 2002 to March 2, 2002.

On motion of Ms. Krasner, duly seconded by Deputy Clerk Piecuch, it was voted to accept the changes to the checklist from January 27, 2002 through March 2, 2002. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

New Business

Deputy Clerk Piecuch handed out to the members a listing of the number of registered voters as of March 4, 2002. Also, at the last meeting the Board had asked to send letters to Tessa Keys, Christina Mecum and Vincent Mattes asking them to complete a residency affidavit along with the information they supplied us. Tessa Keys did complete the residency affidavit by coming into our office to complete the form, Christina Mecum's came back from the Post Office attempted not known and she did not receive anything back on Vincent Mattes.

On motion of Ms. Krasner, duly seconded by Ms. Arnold it was voted to accept the residency affidavit and to register Ms. Tessa Keys as a voter of the City of Manchester. There being none opposed the motion carried.

Ms. Krasner asked if we have heard from the other two.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch replied no.

Ms. Krasner stated then we will leave them alone until such time they come back into the office or contact the office.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated she had more registrations that needed Board action. City Clerk Leo Bernier had these physically checked and they all failed, meaning that the names were not appearing on the mailboxes for those addresses. Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated on Marie Martinez she supplied us with a copy of her New York drivers license, social security card and two pieces of mail, but only one of them had a postmark on it and the other was to Marie Martinez for Crystal Martinez, but no type of utility bill or valid NH driver's registration.

Ms. Krasner said let's do a letter to her and we want to follow the same guidelines we have in the past and to keep the chain of unbroken evidence and have her complete a residency affidavit.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch replied okay. The next person was Justina M. Cronin who provided us with a copy of her birth certificate, a legal change of name, social security card and a bill from Burdines. She had no picture identification and did not provide us with a utility bill or two pieces of current mail.

Ms. Krasner said let's send her a letter asking her to provide us with a photo id if possible, some type of utility bill or NH driver's registration and two pieces of mail with a current postmark or she may complete a residency affidavit signing under penalty of perjury. We have accepted the guidelines of what is required to register to vote in Manchester and feel that they need to comply. The law does require us to ask for acceptable proof and I feel this is acceptable proof.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch replied that was correct, the law does state that you can ask for acceptable proof and that on the residency affidavit they sign it also states that as well as they were signing under penalty of perjury. The next was a Geoffrey Cargill who supplied us with a copy of his Kentucky driver's license as well as his social security card, an overdue VoiceStream bill and two pieces of mail that do not have a return address on it.

Ms. Krasner stated lets send him a letter asking for him to provide us with a copy of an utility bill or valid NH driver's registration, bank statement and new mail that has a return address on it or he can complete a residency affidavit.

Chairman Arnold asked if this was a difficult process in sending out the letters.

Ms. Krasner stated that people need to take this serious as this is a serious matter. We do not want to deny anyone the right to vote, but we shouldn't let them register to vote so that they can just get their driver's license.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated sending a letter does not take up a lot of time, but at times we don't hear back from the individuals so we do not know what has happened. The next person is Susan Maltais who has a temporary license and some documentation, but the signature is only with an initial and not the full name.

Ms. Krasner stated that her license is expiring so send her a letter asking her to come in with her new license, complete a new voter registration card and have her sign her full name and also complete a residency affidavit.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated the last person is a Sherri Pettway who is listing her address of 3 Sundial Avenue which is Hesser College. She has provided us with her college id card for a photo id, a birth certificate and two pieces of mail within the current timeframe. Where this is a college, City Clerk Leo Bernier asked me to check with the college to see what her home of record is as if they change can lose scholarships. I spoke with Tracy at Hesser College Registrar's Office and she told me that all her addresses on record is Bridgeport, CT. This individual did come in and I had spoke with her and she was looking to get a license from New Hampshire so that she could prove her age and go into clubs.

Ms. Krasner stated that she needs additional documentation if she registers here and that she should be told that she could lose funding or benefits or possibly her scholarship, if she has one. When sending out the letter explain to her what Hesser College Registrar's office gave her for an address and have her respond back to you or to this Board.

Chairman Arnold stated she could vote absentee in Connecticut.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated that was correct as long as she was a registered voter in Connecticut, but that wasn't sure if she was registered there or not.

On motion of Ms. Krasner, duly seconded by Ms. Arnold, it was voted to send letters to the above individuals as noted above. There being none opposed the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Ms. Krasner, duly seconded by Deputy Clerk Piecuch, it was voted to adjourn. There being none opposed the motion carried.

A True Copy. Attest

Clerk of the Committee