

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

August 8, 2002

12:00 PM

Chairman Krasner called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Dorothy Krasner, Barbara Arnold, Carol Johnson (representing Leo Bernier), and Brian McHugh

Absent: Rita Pepino

Messrs.: T. Piecuch, M. Rollo

Chairman Krasner addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Acceptance of voter checklist (additions, deletions and changes) from May 22, 2002 to August 7, 2002.

Ms. Arnold moved to accept the checklist additions, deletions and changes from May 22, 2002 to August 7, 2002. Mr. McHugh duly seconded the motion. Chairman Krasner called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Krasner addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Acceptance or denial of voter registration applications received by the Office of the City Clerk.

Chairman Krasner stated we had received some prior to this meeting. Are there any additional ones?

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated there are additional ones. If you would like to take up the ones that you currently have in front of you then we can go over the additional ones that we have received.

Chairman Krasner stated the first one is Arnaldo Rodriguez of 58 Massabesic Street. We have the voter cards. We have the operator's motor vehicle license and we have the confirmation letter from JARB Realty Trust notarized that Mr. Rodriguez is a tenant at that address.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied the Clerk's Office also did a follow-up on that to verify with the company that they do reside there.

On motion of Ms. Arnold, duly seconded by Mr. McHugh, it was voted to accept Mr. Rodriguez's voter registration.

Chairman Krasner stated the second voter registration is for Miguel A. Hernandez of 58 Massabesic Street. He submitted a driver's license for personal identity and a letter from JARB Realty explaining that utilities are covered under the rent so there are no separate utility bills, which is notarized.

On motion of Mr. McHugh, duly seconded by Ms. Arnold, it was voted to accept Mr. Hernandez's voter registration.

Chairman Krasner stated the next is Michael S. Rollo. We have the voter registration card and the residency affidavit for 4 Quirin Street, Apt. 2W.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated I asked why we did not have anything else on this person and was told that apparently Mr. Rollo was of the opinion that he only needed to fill out the residency affidavit. Obviously under the law it states that the City Clerk or the Board of Registrars may ask for reasonable documentation to register someone to vote and that we didn't need to accept only a residency affidavit and our policy is that we ask for additional documentation to the extent available. That is the policy and this person has not provided anything more and I am hoping that it is the person sitting in this room so we can ask the question. Are you Mr. Rollo?

Mr. Rollo replied yes.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated we were just looking for standard policy information.

Mr. Rollo replied I have a receipt for rent paid. Unfortunately, my landlord doesn't issue a lease so I don't have a lease. I have two pieces of mail and a letter from the Public Service Company of NH stating that I pay them under that address and I have a valid NH Driver's License with that address on it as well.

Deputy Clerk Piccuch stated he did submit his driver's license but I did not make a copy of it. The driver's license was submitted to prove his identity.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied I have no question on the identity or the age because it is my understanding that that was provided.

Mr. Rollo stated unfortunately I do not have proof of citizenship but I will be happy to sign the citizenship affidavit set forth in RSA 654:12 I believe.

Chairman Krasner stated you have a fortunate experience because your driver's license picture actually looks like you. The driver's license also states Quirin Street as your address.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated that license had to have been changed. He had this done on 8/2/02. When he submitted his original license it showed his previous address....

Mr. Rollo interjected I had not had it changed over. I had it done the next day and I apologize for that.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated as far as the citizenship he doesn't have to fill out a citizenship affidavit due to the fact that his place of birth is Portsmouth, NH.

On motion of Deputy Clerk Johnson, duly seconded by Ms. Arnold, it was voted to accept Mr. Rollo on the checklist for the Quirin Street address.

Mr. Rollo stated I apologize for the misunderstanding and having to come before the Board. When will the Clerk's Office have a chance to file all of that information?

Deputy Clerk Piecuch replied as soon as this meeting is over with I will go down and put you in the system.

Chairman Krasner asked Tricia do you have some more for us.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch answered yes I have a few other items under new business. I have made photocopies for you. Sara Martel at 78 Lynwood Lane has come in to apply to register to vote. She has a valid NH Driver's License and has had it since 1999. She does live with her parents and she doesn't have any utility bills. She does have three pieces of mail, including a couple of bills. I would like to have her accepted.

Deputy Clerk Johnson asked do you have documentation for all of them.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch answered yes I do.

Deputy Clerk Johnson asked why don't you just read off the names as long as you have the documentation we need.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch replied I have a Gregory Legier in Ward 12 who has come in to register to vote and has provided us with his license, a utility bill and two bank statements. I have a Jennifer Maguire of 65 Village Circle Way who provided her NH driver's license but it did not have a Manchester address on it. She did provide her car registration from Manchester as well as two pieces of mail. The next person is an Edward Merriam who has come in. His address is 145 W. River Drive. He provided his car registration as well as a Verizon and Public Service bills and some mail. The last individual to be accepted is Daniel McDonald of 895 Hayward Street who lived in Londonderry. He provided his license and registration and they both showed his address at 895 Hayward Street. He brought in an AT&T Broadband bill and Public Service bill.

On motion of Ms. Arnold, duly seconded by Mr. McHugh, it was voted to accept the new voter registrations as presented by the City Clerk's Office.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch stated I do have one other individual who did come in. His name is Gamelin Bernier at 93 Arlington Street. He has provided the correct documentation as far as mortgage payments and mail from AT&T Broadband and his license and registration. Unfortunately, he did not fill out a citizenship affidavit. He was born in Haiti and I ask that we mail out a letter requesting that information and then we can add him on to the voter checklist.

Chairman Krasner asked is there any question of him having any difficulty with English.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch answered no. The individual who handled it in our office said there was no problem.

On motion of Ms. Arnold, duly seconded by Mr. McHugh, it was voted to accept Mr. Bernier as a new voter once we receive information regarding his citizenship.

NEW BUSINESS

A brief discussion was held regarding the public report that Judith Thayer, who was recently appointed as the School Board representative for Ward 2, resided in Ward 1.

On motion of Mr. McHugh, duly seconded by Ms. Arnold, it was voted to send Ms. Thayer a letter to verify her correct legal address and to schedule a Board of Registrar meeting for August 18 to discuss the findings if necessary.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch noted that the Board needs to schedule other meetings due to the upcoming elections. It was decided that the next meeting would take place on August 27th for the September 3, 2002 Special Municipal Election and on September 5th for the September 10 State Primary Election

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated there was one other issue that we have and that is the filing period ends Friday and if we get someone in who wants to file and he does fit the criteria or we feel that he has provided enough documentation I would then like to be able to have the Board accept whatever we accept. We can do that by a telephone poll of this Committee.

A brief discussion was held regarding a request from Hector Velez to have a voter registration drive at the Latino Festival that is being held on Saturday, August 17. It was the Deputy City Clerk's recommendation that this not be done as it would open to the door to every organization or group who might want it. I did offer that we would devise, in Spanish if they liked, instructions on how to register to vote in the City. I put that offer on the table but have not heard back from him yet.

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

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee