

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

May 27, 2003

12:00 PM

Chairman Krasner called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Dorothy Krasner, Barbara Arnold and Leo R. Bernier

Absent: Brian McHugh and Rita Pepino

Messrs: Tricia Piecuch

Chairman Krasner addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Chairman Krasner advised that the purpose of the meeting was 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.

Mr. Bernier stated traditionally the position of chairman is rotated between members and that the current chairman traditionally becomes the clerk.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch replied that was correct and that the current incoming clerk would be Dorothy Krasner and the incoming chairman would be Brian McHugh, but unfortunately he was unable to attend the meeting. She noted that they could still appoint him, but the Board would need to elect a Chairman Pro-Tem for this meeting.

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

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

Deputy Clerk Piecuch asked for a motion to elect a Chairman Pro-Tem in the absence of Mr. McHugh.

On motion of Mr. Bernier, duly seconded by Ms. Arnold, it was voted to elect Ms. Krasner as Chairman Pro-Tem. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Chairman Pro-Tem Krasner addressed Item 4 of the agenda:

Acceptance of voter checklist (additions, deletions and changes) from February 23, 2003 through May 26, 2003.

On motion of Mr. Bernier, duly seconded by Ms. Arnold, it was voted to accept the additions, deletions and changes of the checklist from February 23, 2003 through May 26, 2003. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bernier informed the Board that Jacqueline Brinn had passed away and that she had been with the city for at least 19 years and was present when he started and was very instrumental in the office.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch handed out to the members of the Board an updated listing of the number of registered voters in the City of Manchester as of May 26, 2003. She also provided the Board a copy of the New Hampshire's approach to the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and gave a brief detail of what was happening at the State. She explained that all voter registration forms had been revised and that Manchester will begin utilizing them this year.

Ms. Krasner stated whether or not it will really prevent voter fraud and whether we are really helping America to vote. All they were given us was additional paperwork, which will take longer to register voters at the polls.

Deputy Clerk Piecuch explained that HAVA was a Federal Law that passed and that the State is working to come into compliance; that the State will be providing training to election officials and will be working to educate the public through the media. She further stated she would keep the Board informed and would send out any training notices she receives from the State.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Ms. Arnold, duly seconded by Mr. Bernier, it was voted to adjourn. There being none opposed the motion carried.

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Clerk of the Committee