

West Newbury Board of Registrars Meeting October 12, 2021 Minutes

Place: First Floor Hearing room

Present: Margaret Duchemin, Rosamond Veator, Cheryl Grant, Town Clerk James Blatchford, Assistant Town Clerk Christine Marshall

Meeting called to order at 1:35pm

Town Clerk informed the Board of the current 2022 election calendar, local town election to be held on May 2, 2022, State Primary to be held in early September 2022 date TBD by the state, and the State General election on November 8th 2022.

Town Clerk informed the Board about the legislation which has already passes the state senate and is expected to pass the state house of representatives before the state elections in 2022 including the permanent elimination of the check out tables from elections and future early voting before state elections and possibly before local elections. Also discussed local ordinance for early voting and town meeting regarding politicking/campaigning near entrances of voting areas.

Additionally, the Town Clerk explained with the inclusion of extended early voting similar to the 2020 election the legislature is expected to extend no excuse mail-in voting for all future elections after the legislation becomes law, it is unclear if that will include the 2022 local election.

With the upcoming Special Fall Town Meeting the Board discussed their usual role of helping with check in at Town Meeting and helping the moderator count if needed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by R. Veator and 2nd by C. Grant - motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

James RW Blatchford, Town Clerk