



# BOARD OF REGISTRARS

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James H. Davis, Jr, Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:02PM in the Town Clerk's Office. Also in attendance were Michael J. Rea, Jr, Donald H. Lovegrove and Town Clerk, Donna J. McCoy.

### REORGANIZATION OF OFFICERS

The first item on the agenda was "Reorganization of the Board". Michael J. Rea, Jr made a motion to nominate James H. Davis, Jr. as Chairman. Donna J. McCoy seconded. Mr Davis accepted the nomination. All present voted unanimously.

Mr. Davis asked Mr. Lovegrove what his plans were for remaining on the Board as his term was up this year. Mr. Lovegrove stated he wished to remain on the board and did not want to resign at this time. He understands his health is and will be a contributing factor for his future decision should he decide to resign. He will keep the Board updated.

### EXAMINE VOTER RESIDENCY

Mr. Davis brought up the next item on the agenda which was "Examine the Residency of a Voter". He spoke first and said he didn't understand why the residency of a voter was being called into question.

Mr. Rea said he rents properties in other states but receives all his mail in Billerica. Just because someone owns properties elsewhere doesn't mean they use those addresses. He said he did read every page in the sworn packet that Ms. Dina Favreau submitted on May 23, 2023, and he didn't find anything to show that the resident voter in doubt is registered in NH as suggested by the complainant. Mr. Rea said he did see an excise tax bill from Billerica for the person in question.

Mr. Rea then stopped and asked Ms. Dina Favreau if she was taping the meeting. Ms. Favreau responded that she was and didn't think it was a problem. Donna J. McCoy made mention that the town was still awaiting the Attorney General's decision on "Article 41 - Taping Meetings" of the Spring Town Meeting. Mr. Rea said she was supposed to let the Board know her intention to tape the meeting before the meeting began. The Board allowed Ms. Favreau to continue taping.

Mr. Lovegrove spoke next and said he didn't look at the packet but what he gathered from the meeting and looking at the signed Voter Registration Card from the town and the Voter History of the person in question, it appeared that all documentation was in order. He asked the board if we were making the decision to remove this person from the Census. Mr. Davis and Mr. Rea said no, the question was regarding the validity of the Voter Registration of the person in question.

Ms. Favreau asked to speak and said there was a USB stick with the packet that was submitted and available to the members to view.

Mr. Rea spoke up and said he didn't need to see the video. He didn't think there was sufficient evidence for striking the voter from the Town's Voter Registration. Mr. Davis spoke up and agreed with Mr. Rea. He didn't find anything to suggest there was wrongdoing.

Donna J. McCoy told the Board that she did call the Town Clerk in Pelham, NH and asked if they had a voter under the name of the person in question. She was told "no" they didn't have or had that person on file in their office. She also told the Board that the voter in question came to the office and showed house taxes, excise taxes, income taxes, driver's license all showing the Billerica address that is on file for the Census and Voter Registration. She did not make a copy of these.

Mr. Rea then moved the question and made a motion to "Take No Action" – don't strike the voter in question from the voter list.

Mr. Lovegrove asked were we being asked to strike the party in question from the Town Census.

Mr. Davis replied "no", we were looking into the voter status of the person in doubt.

Mr. Rea again said he didn't think there was sufficient evidence on the residency status of the person and didn't think the Board needed to proceed to a hearing.

Michael J. Rea, Jr. made the motion to do nothing due to insufficient evidence. James H. Davis, Jr. seconded. It was put to a vote across the Board:  
Donald H. Lovegrove voted "Aye", Donna J McCoy voted "Aye", James H. Davis, Jr. voted "Aye" and Michael J. Rea, Jr. voted "Aye"

The voter's residency remains an active voter in the Town of Billerica.

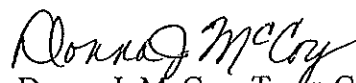
Mr. Rea made a motion to adjourn.


Mr. Davis seconded.

So voted unanimously.

The Board of Registrars adjourned at 5:22PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Donna J. McCoy, Town Clerk  
Member of the Board of Registrars

  
James H. Davis, Jr  
Chairman, Board of Registrars