Windham County Registrars of Voters Meeting Minutes October 13, 2022 Knowlton Memorial Hall

Chairman Olson called the meeting to order at 7PM.

Present: Loreen Hegan (Canterbury), Sonia Chapman (Plainfield), Dayna McDermott & Sulema Perez-Pagan (Hampton), Lauren Olson & Kevin McCarthy (Ashford), Sue Devokaitis & Martha Emilio (Pomfret), Doug Lary (NECCOG), Nancy Ives (Brooklyn), Toni Doubleday (Eastford), Kimberly Desaulniers & Luis Rodriguez (Windham), Aileen Witkowski & Frank McGarey (Thompson), Janice Thurlow (Killingly)

Approval of Minutes: tabled.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Emilio reported \$265.73 in the account. It was noted that some towns owe dues.

Guest Visitor: Chris Prue

Chris Prue reported on several timely matters. He:

- is asking SOTS to send a directive regarding our response to requests for removing voters from our lists; in the interim, he advises us to practice due diligence with respect to the removal of voters.
- reminded us to have the tabulators serviced and reported that there is no cost to repair tabulators impacted by melting during the Primary.
- informed us that the list of potential poll workers solicited in 2020 is still active; a list will be sent to towns soon.
- announced that the legislative surveys were collected and the information compiled.
- clarified that the question on the November ballot is only asking voters whether or not the constitution should be amended to allow for early voting; if approved by voters, Town Clerks and Registrars of Voters want to be part of the discussion on procedures.
- informed us that ROVAC is advocating for question and answer session webinars with SOTS, and the organization is also sending Election related notifications to newspapers.
- answered questions on nursing homes impacted by Covid in terms of absentee ballots, and the presence of organizations like Girl Scouts in the buildings, but not polling places. He confirmed that SEEC investigations can take a long time to complete, that we still need EDR Officials in an EDR location for the Election, and that non-residents and non-voters (17-year-olds) can serve in the polls in all capacities except tabulator tenders and assistant registrars.

There was discussion on Election procedures and developing budgets.

Committee Reports: tabled.

New Business:

- A. Update Contact List: lists were distributed.
- B. August 9 Primaries Overview: no discussion.
- **C. Conference Overview:** It was reported that the conference was wonderful; the candidates for Secretary of State were present.
- D. Upcoming Registration Sessions and Deadline: no discussion.
- E. November 8 Election: no discussion.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dayna Arriola