

ROVAC – Hartford County

Windsor Town Hall

June 29, 2021

Attendance: 27 in person and 33 by Zoom. Thank you to Chris Prue for setting up the zoom meeting.

Chair Darlene Burrell opened the meeting at 10:10 am.

Laura Wolfe resigned as Hartford County Secretary. Thank you Laura for the great minutes you have taken over the past several years.

Sue Burnham, Hartford County Treasurer, reported that the dues collected from last year was donated to the Judi Beaudreau scholarship fund (\$100 was sent to the ROVAC Treasurer). ROVAC awarded one scholarship to every county. Each recipient received \$250. Hartford County's recipient was from Marlborough.

Ann Clark, Convention member, reported that the Fall Conference would be at the Wyndham in Southbury on Sept. 23-24.

Anita Mips, Credentials Member, reported that exactly 50 members were in attendance at the annual so the election of new officers proceeded and the bylaw change to allow the ROVAC president to determine, under special circumstances, that electronic means for the annual meeting would be allowed.

Mark Dobbins, Education member, reported that several meetings were scheduled for planning the fall conference classes.

Peter Gostin, Legislative member, reported on SB 5, which is the major legislative piece to impact ROVs. It became part of the implementer bill and signed by the Governor after the special session. A link will be sent to all the ROVs. Some of the changes are: There will be an election monitor in municipalities over 140k for 2021 & 2022; DMV, social services and higher education will be able to automatically register voters; on the 4th Tuesday in Sept. ROVs must provide registration information to the high schools; employers must give 2 hours of unpaid time for the employee to vote (if requested); post-election audits will now include absentee balloting; eliminated challengers: only the month and year can be used in any publishing of voter lists except for governmental use. There will be task force groups formed such as risk limited auditing and redesign of absentee ballot envelopes.

Peter Gostin, Nominating Chair, reported that Chris Prue, Vernon, is now ROVAC president. Executive President is Annalisa Stravato from Wilton. Vice President is Karen Birck from Wilton. Secretary is Lauren Olson from Ashford and Treasurer is Peter Gostin from New Britain.

The Guest Speaker was Sheena Hodges, IT analyst from SOTS working on the Citrix project. She reported that Citrix was being installed this summer and that Hartford would be the first county due to our size. Unlike the initial towns, SOTS would not be sending a technical analyst to each town. The instructions would be sent and our individual IT departments would do the installation. Sheena's contact information is 860-969-7082 or sheena.hodges@ct.gov

Lisbeth Becker, Technology Chair and Ann Kilby, Member, reported that the projection for the new CVRS is July 2022. There is a task force looking over all the suggestions submitted by ROVs and Town Clerks. The plan right now is to possibly use an existing program and modify it.

Appointment of Committee Members:

Convention: Ann Clark – Avon Ann Kilby – Marlborough

Credentials: Anita Mips – Windsor

Education: Mark Dobbins – Glastonbury

Legislative: Theresa Avery – Newington- Mindy Lewis – South Windsor Peter Gostin – New Britain

Nominating: Peter Gostin – New Britain

Technology: Ann Kilby- Marlborough Lisbeth Becker – Glastonbury

Ways & Means: Sue Burnham – South Windsor

Handbook: Darlene Burrell – Suffield Mark Dobbins- Glastonbury Sharon Krawiecki, Bristol Donna Rusgrove – Burlington

Meeting Dates, Time and Location

October 5 th	10:00 am	Newington Town Hall
January 11 th	10:00 am	Windsor Town Hall
March 15 th	10:00 am	Newington Town Hall
June 14 th	10:00 am	Windsor Town Hall

Respectfully Submitted

Sue W. Larsen

South Windsor