

Hartford County ROVAC

June 14, 2022

Windsor Town Hall

Attending: 30 via zoom and 21 in person.

Chair Darlene Burrell opened the meeting at 10:22 a.m. due to technical difficulties.

Thank you to Anita Mips and Karen Andrews for hosting the meeting.

Chair Darlene announced Paul Willis was back as Registrar in Granby.

Laura Wolfe from Granby will send Sue Larsen a correction to the minutes.

Treasurer Sue Burnham had no report.

Audit – Donna Rusgrove – No Report.

Convention – Ann Clark – The fall conference will be Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in Southbury. Everyone enjoyed the Mariotte in Windsor. There wasn't a lot of food choices there. The costs went dramatically up and ROVAC took a loss.

Credentials – Anita Mips – Credentials were used at the Annual ROVAL Meeting at the conference.

Education – Sue Larsen – Everyone seemed to think the education offered at the Conference was good. The new Education Committee will meet in July to prepare for the fall conference. Chair Darlene reminded everyone to give our ideas to Sue so they could be incorporated in the fall conference.

Handbook – Darlene Burrell – The members of the committee will meet on June 29<sup>th</sup>. They are still reviewing the changes made. It was suggested to put the petition codes in the book. Just remember on petitions, we look at name, registration and party. Anita Mips will share an old petition paper that has the codes on it. Nominating petitions for multi towns are filed with SOTS. Single town files with the Town Clerk.

Legislative – Theresa Avey reported on Public Act 22-2. The changes were on the wording of "on the day of such primary, election or referendum" vs "during the hours of voting". This will allow voters to use an absentee ballot if away from their town any part of the day. The other public act was 22-13. There was confusion but the bill actually just defines what ID is confidential.

The Democrats have confirmed Secretary of the State and Treasurer will be on the ballot for the August Primary.

Bring ideas on Legislation to the committee members.

Technology – Lisbeth Becker – The committee met in April. Lisbeth reported there are still issues with Internet Explorer.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers: Darlene Burrell, Suffield was reelected as Chair. Theresa Avey, Newington was elected Vice Chair. Sue Larsen, South Windsor was elected Secretary and Sue Burnham, South Windsor was elected as treasurer.

Committees:

Convention – Ann Clark, Avon and Ann Kilby, Marlborough

Education – Sue Larsen, South Windsor, Alternate Mark Dobbins, Glastonbury

Handbook – Darlene Burrell, Suffield, Mark Dobbins, Glastonbury, Donna Rusgrove, Burlington, Lizbeth Becker, Glastonbury

Legislative – Theresa Avey, Newington Mindy Lewis, South Windsor Alternates- Peter Gostin, New Britain, Matt Bunko, Southington, Troy Mitchell, Bloomfield

Technology – Lou Fiore, Enfield, Lizbeth Becker, Glastonbury Alternate- Ann Kilby, Marlborough

Nominating – Peter Gostin, New Britain

Ted Bromley from LEAD was our guest speaker. He began with discussing the problem with the EMS system. The redistricting plan created issues in the program and SOTS is still working on the corrections. We can still do some of the input. There will be a new vendor for Security Mentor Training. Citrix is permanently on hold. SOTS has closed the contract with old contractor and a new vendor will be decided on. UConn has developed a tool for us to use to ensure the redistricting is accurate. They have made a few changes such as the colors being more intuitive in order for us to better use the program. The Petition papers went smoothly. If the back page was not filled, a notice was sent to the Registrars to come into SOTS office and complete. There is a lawsuit filed by Muad Hrezi in the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District. He could not say more since the case was pending.

Ted said the new CVRS should be implemented in full during 2023. So far, we have only one vendor for pollbooks that has sent in a prototype with the security updates. Pollbooks still have not been approved yet so remember you must have the paper list there.

Ted answered the question on redacting dates on petition papers. The petition is not a public record until filed. Then, the day must be redacted.

Will there be a double primary? Yes, the candidates that got 15% at the party's convention earned the right to primary. Don't forget, CT is a closed primary state and Unaffiliated elector are not able to vote in a primary.

SOTS is processing the petition papers as they come in. SOTS is currently up to date and should have all results by the end of the week or early next week. The mark ups should be on the original.

The results of the primary need to be reported by district. It is in the statutes.

Can we move a polling location? It must be declared unusable. The voters must be adequately notified.

Chair Darlene thanked Ted Bromley for spending this time with us.

New Meeting schedule for 2022/23:

October 11	Newington
January 10	Windsor
March 14	Newington
June 13	Windsor

The vote was to approve the dates along with the locations being in Newington and Windsor. Everyone agreed to continue zoom.

Sue Burnham reminded everyone that if they didn't contribute their \$10 yet, please do so.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56.

Submitted by,

Sue W. Larsen

County Secretary