

Hartford County ROVAC

March 8, 2022

Newington Town Hall

Attending: 34 via zoom and 14 in person.

Chair Darlene Burrell opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Thank you to Theresa Avery and Marie Fox for hosting the meeting and the Town Clerk James K. for setting us up.

Vice Chair Sharon K. and Chair Darlene went over the new Registrars in Hartford County. Marie Mozzicato is the new registrar in Avon. Anita LeChance is the new registrar in Burlington. Last month we introduced Troy Mitchell (Bloomfield), Jennifer Juszczynski (Windsor Locks) and Phil Theroux (Rocky Hill).

Anita Mips moved to accept the minutes of the January meeting. Unanimous vote to accept.

Treasurer Sue Burnham reminded everyone to either give her the money, mail it or give it to her at the conference. It is \$10 per town. Sue does not have a venmo account. Sue said this conference would be the county baskets.

Audit – Donna Rusgrove – The audit committee met in New Britain on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. They reviewed the checking account, all CDs, saving accounts and credit cards. Samples were done and all looks accurate and fair. Lou DeCileo, the chair, forwarded a report to the ROVAC Board.

Convention – Ann Clark – The committee will be meeting tonight to go over the menu and the morning set ups.

Education – Sue Larsen – The Education committee met last month. We have most of the conference set up. Tom Hennick, Kevin Ahern and Nicholas Bombace from LCO will be speakers. We will have a class on reports. There will be a newbie class and a class for moderator recertification. Darlene reminded everyone of the moderator trainers. One idea for the committee was a class on the duties of the Registrar. Darlene reminded everyone that there is a list in the handbook. Another suggestion was to go over the Election Calendar.

Credential – Anita Mips – No report until after the conference.

Handbook – Darlene Burrell – The members of the committee are reviewing the changes made. They are trying to make the handbook easier to use for Registrars.

Legislative – Theresa Avery reported that the legislative committee met on Monday. There were 4 bills ROVAC is following. ROVAC technology bill is HB 5379. Tim DeCarlo will testify. SB 349 which will alter the number of days to change a candidate from 24 to 46. Sue Larsen will send in written testimony. There will be the resolution to change the constitution on early voting. No public hearing yet. The last one we are watching is bill that shifts the decision on election results if there is a contested result to the Supreme Court rather than the Assembly. The bill on extending the covid excuse on the absentee ballot application has been JF'd. Theresa asked for any new ideas for next year's legislative agenda.

Nominating – Peter Gostin – Peter reminded everyone that in June we will be electing a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Technology – Lisbeth Becker – The committee met in February. Lisbeth reported that Citirx had been replaced by Azure but that failed also due to the issues with the Town Clerks printer. They will wait for the new CVRS. The RFP is still out but responses so far have not met the requirements. We are currently having issues that CVRS is freezing and DMV is sending over too many duplicates. The vendor made changes and never notified SOTS. The discussion led to many complaints about the lack of communication when the system has issues. Lisbeth reported that we see that Internet Explorer is unsecured but SOTS has provided the security so it is not an issue. The options for the future will be Microsoft Edge or Chrome browsers. Cybersecurity training is still ongoing. Keep taking the Security Mentor segments. Individual towns are responsible for its own security. Many towns are sending out bad emails to check on you.

Moriah Moriarty from SOTS was our guest speaker. Her topic was delegates and conventions. Moriah said we just had the town committee elections and primaries. There may be 2 primaries in the courts. Later this month we will have the election of officers and delegates. Tim Becker said he just brings a current list of party members to the meeting.

A caucus is open to all members of the party. Registrars should have a list of party members available for a caucus to insure only party members vote. A convention has delegates selected by the party. State central determines the number of delegates each town will receive.

The Registrars must complete the redistricting plan so they can determine the population by voting district.

Delegates are selected between March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. The names of the delegates must be filed with the town clerk by March 30<sup>th</sup>.

State Convention (both parties) May 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. State Senate May 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. Assembly May 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>  
Regional Justice of the Peace May 12<sup>th</sup>- May 18<sup>th</sup>

Single Town Caucus (Town Committee for Democrats) May 17<sup>th</sup>- May 24<sup>th</sup>. This is for Registrar of Voters, State Representatives, Justice of the Peace.

State wide petitions must be issued by SOTS any time after April 26<sup>th</sup>. Taffy Womack handles the petitions and they are available now. Single town petitions are issued by the Registrar of Voters. There is no 15% rule for single town caucuses. They qualify through the petition process.

All petitions are due June 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.

Candidates receiving the 15% required to primary must file their intention with SOTS 14 days after the primary.

Electronic signatures on candidate forms are allowed as of last year. A wet signature does not have to follow.

Minor parties have to have nomination petitions in by Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>.

Moriah can be reached at 860-509-6116.

OLD BUSINESS:

The next County meeting will be June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the Windsor Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 pm.

Submitted by,

Sue W. Larsen

County Secretary