

Hartford County ROVAC

October 5, 2021

Newington Town Hall

Attending: 36 via zoom and 11 in person.

Chair Darlene Burrell opened the meeting at 10:00 am.

Thank you to Theresa and Marie for hosting the meeting and the Town Clerk, James , for setting up the zoom portion.

Our guest today, Tom Miano, was unable to be here.

Tom Henik, from FOI, will be the speaker for our next meeting in January. Darlene reminded us that existing reports are under FOI. The new statute on only reporting month and year is in effect. If the day is on the report, the report is not subject to FOI.

Sharon Krawicki, Vice Chair, had no report.

Sue Larsen, Secretary, thanked everyone for the opportunity.

The minutes were accepted as written by the secretary.

Sue Burnham, Treasurer, said \$106 was sent to the ROVAC Treasurer in lieu of the baskets. At the Fall Conference, \$483 was raised at the 50/50 (\$100 was given back by the winner) and \$576 on the raffle prizes for a total of \$1,159. Peter Gostin asked if a list of the towns that didn't pay last year could be sent to Darlene.

Audit: Lisbeth responded that the members of the audit committee are Donna Rusgrove, Lou Decilio and Frank McGarry. Lou Decilio wrote a report with recommendations to the Board. Donna will send a copy of the report to Darlene for disbursement.

Convention: Ann Clark reported it was a very good conference. Under 200 were in attendance but the reviews were good. On Friday, we got an opportunity to see new technology. The new tabulators had great technology and it seems the Registrars were impressed. There are no bids yet on new tabulators even though many of us are saying we are experiencing problems now. The Spring conference will be in Windsor, probably April or May. Ann Kilby said we will probably have new technology associated with the AVS. Darlene said a pilot program had been established and her town piloted the jelly bean button. Another town did a sip and puff device.

Credentials: Anita had no report.

Education: No report

Legislative: Theresa reported there will be a meeting at the end of the year. Peter Gostin said the survey should go out next month. We will probably support the Clean Up bill again. The rest will depend on the survey.

Nominating: Peter Gostin had no report. Just in case you don't know who is on the ROVAC Board, here are the names; Chris Prue, President, Vernon Annalisa Stravato, Executive Vice President, Wilton

Karen Birck , Vice President, Wilton Lauren Olson, Secretary, Ashford Peter Gostin, Treasurer, New Britain Lisbeth Becker, Deputy Treasurer, Glastonbury

Technology: Lisbeth Becker and Ann Kilby reported on Citrix. There are serious issues with the Town Clerk labeling system and 3 weeks ago decided to cancel Citrix. SOTS has no plan to reimburse the towns that hired IT to assist in the installation of Citrix. At this time there is no decision on another program to replace it. Hopefully the next program will allow for more IDs especially near an election. There were other issues due to CVRS supported by Internet Explorer and Citrix was Chrome. PDF reports could not be saved.

Darlene asked if anyone had suggestions for the new Voter registration system: Ability to do Excel was one suggestion but every town is slightly different so this may be difficult to do.

The RFP was available 8/31/21 with the deadline of 10/14/21. The team to decide will be 1 Registrar, 1 Town Clerk, a UCONN Representative, the Project Manager, Tom Miano and Ted Bromley. The vendor selection will be early December with production in January to July. It is an aggressive project. SOTS prefers a canned program and then modify it to fit CT.

We want changes to Unit numbers, Character sets (O'Leary vs Oleary), local areas like Mystic and Storrs, elaborate gender ID, expand the search capability, get rid of status such as MR or MRS. Develop more usable reports. Integrate poll books, \* are still an issue, better saving capability for official checkers. Who voted is a complex issue as voters move in and out of town so the numbers change daily.

Handbook: Darlene reported that the committee will meet on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. Each member is responsible to review a chapter. They will incorporate any new law changes.

OLD BUSINESS: On September 28<sup>th</sup> Registrars across the state were to meet with principals and give information on voter registration. Some gave a class on civics. Enfield did a video which they will share. Putnam also did a video.

The next County meeting will be Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the Windsor Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS: In doing ERIC, several towns found a few voters voted in two states. If this happens contact SOTS and SEEC. The Attorney General from Arizona contacted Darlene to get the signature off the absentee ballot envelope. This was court ordered. Lisbeth said SEEC received a complaint from Washington. Darlene said there is nothing in the law that says we are responsible to report any issues.

Gigi from Hartford reported that she had a conversation with Speaker Ritter and he would like the Registrars to do a petition to get the new tabulators sooner.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Submitted by,

Sue W. Larsen

County Secretary

