

Hartford County ROVAC

October 11, 2022

Newington Town Hall

Attending: 22 via zoom and 16 in person.

Chair Darlene Burrell opened the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Thank you to Marie Fox and Teresa Avey for hosting the meeting.

Chair Darlene reminded everyone that the Head Moderator and the Registrars of Voters must train the poll workers in person.

The minutes were accepted as amended for name spelling errors.

Treasurer Sue Burnham reported that all donations for the fall conference were donated by the committee. Thanks to Cindy Martin, Christy Shaher and Lou Decilio the committee raised \$497 from the 50/50 raffle and we netted \$1405 overall for the Judi Beaudreau scholarship.

Lisbeth Becker requested that Technology go next. The motion was made by Sue Burnham and seconded by Teresa Avey to adjust the agenda to move Technology next.

Technology – The RFP for the new CVRS has been issued. No vendor identity yet but the plan is for the rollout to be before next November. It will be a modified canned program. Tim Becker wanted to know if part of the contract would include updates on a regular basis. Lisbeth wasn't sure but the plan was to have them on call near the election. Lou Fiore thought the timing of the rollout would be an issue. It would be difficult to do 169 towns at the same time. Lisbeth said training would have to be intensive. Jack Miner asked if there would be a test environment. Lisbeth said the technology committee would be the test environment. Darlene Burrell asked if the technology committee has seen the new system and how different it was. Lisbeth has seen the new system and it appears user friendly. Darlene wanted to know if the negotiations were done, why haven't we seen it. No answer. Teresa wanted to know if the company was offering training. There will be live training after the Town Clerks and Registrars of Voters pre-test it. The roll out is expected in August/ September. Laura Wolf asked if the capacity was greater than the current CVRS. Lisbeth was not sure. Laura asked if the Town Clerks were switching at the same time. Lisbeth said yes. Tim Becker asked if the new Secretary of the State in 28 days would have power over the contract. Lisbeth said the Attorney General handles contracts so no.

Our guest speaker is James Kupienski the Town Clerk of Newington. James came to talk about absentee ballots. The envelopes are yellow with bar codes on it. The Post Office will go through the mail till around 6 -7 pm to insure we get all the available ballots. The back side of the envelope is still the same. The packets sent out will be the standard version. The ballot boxes will be open till 8:00pm. There is an electronic ballot which will need to be hand counted. Those are the overseas ballots. There are several types of ballots: blank 45 day or 90 day, overseas, permanent, supervised and regular. All offices should be receiving the do's and don'ts from SOTS. Congregate care if the facility has over 20 people, falls under assisted living. There is a QR code on the application which reads information off the application. There are two types of overseas ballots. If the voter checks off 1 or 2 on the federal application, the voter will get the full ballot. If the voter checks off 3 or 4 the voter will get federal

offices only. Absentee ballots cannot be issued on election day unless it is an emergency ballot. SOTS is working on a portal to request an AB application but it is not working completely yet. The system currently shows when application was sent, received, ballot sent out and ballot returned. The application includes illness which means any prevalent illness such as covid, flu etc.

Audit – Donna Rusgrove – No Report.

Convention – Ann Clark – The fall conference went well. The location of the spring conference is still not known. Southbury has offered to hold it. The Mariotte is not being considered because there were too many issues. The conference costs us 415,000 - \$20,000 more than anticipated.

Credentials – Anita Mips – No report.

Education – Sue Larsen – Everyone seemed to think the education offered at the Conference was good. The Education Committee will be meeting to plan the Spring Conference. There will be a moderator certification class in spring. Chair Darlene reminded everyone to give our ideas to Sue so they could be incorporated in the spring conference.

Handbook – Darlene Burrell – The members of the committee are working on the duplicates section. They are still reviewing petitions and primaries.

Legislative – The committee reviewed the survey taken at the conference.

Nominating – Let Peter Gostin know if you are interested in running for any position on the ROVAC executive board. The secretary position is the only one where the current secretary cannot run again.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Submitted by,

Sue W. Larsen

County Secretary