

Hartford County ROVAC

June 11, 2024

Newington Town Hall

Attending: 34 via zoom and 21 in person.

Chair Darlene Burrell (Suffield) opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Thank you to Theresa Avey and Jenni Sehmi (Newington) for hosting the meeting at the last minute. We must be out of the chambers by noon.

Welcome to two new Registrars of Voters from East Windsor Denise Menard and Mark Simmons.

There will be no speakers today.

The minutes are being tabled till next time.

Ways & Means: Sue Burnham reported we raised \$1,259 from the 50/50 raffle and \$2,282 from the county baskets for a total of \$3,542 for the Judi Boudreau scholarship.

Audit: Donna Rusgrove (Burlington) reported that the audit committee will meet on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Conference: Ann Clark (Avon) said the spring conference went great. The fall conference will be September 17 and 18 at the Hartford/Windsor Marriott.

Credentials: Anita Mips (Windsor) had no report.

Education; Sue Larsen (South Windsor) reported the list of suggestions at the conference was given to the Education Chairman.

Handbook: Darlene Burrell (Suffield) reported the committee met several times and are waiting the completion of the early voting section and a few answers from SOTS.

Legislative: Theresa Avey (Newington) reported that the legislative session is done. The two bills that we were concerned about failed. SOTS bill passed but it was mostly on absentee ballots. It did include the registrars could be moderators during early voting. \$1,000,000 was allocated to covering early voting. Sullivan & LeShane will be putting together an update on the session.

Nominating: Peter Gostin (New Britain) said no report.

Technology – Lisbeth Becker (Glastonbury) reported the committee met during the conference. They discussed the new total vote system. Some towns have been selected to pilot the program. Ann Kilby is reviewing the RFP and will put it in chart form. The issue with Total Vote is that we are 169 towns and not county base. After the Presidential election there will be lots of training on the KNOWINK system. SOTS will send out the issues which we will have to deal with such as suppressed addresses. The selection of the tabulator has been made but not announced.

Old Business:

Glastonbury will send out their palm cards for early voting.

Chris Prue is still working with Sullivan & LeShane on the early voting infograph.

There is a calendar issue that is a conflict on U cutoff dates. There are two conflicting laws and SOTS needs to make a decision.

SOTS is also doing a tool kit flyer for early voting. It will be on the SOTS website.

New Business:

Election – Sue Burnham (South Windsor) Moved to approve the slate. Ann Kilby (Marlborough) seconded the motion.

Unanimous vote for

- Chair – Darlene Burrell (Suffield)
- Vice Chair – Theresa Avey (Newington)
- Secretary – Sue Larsen (South Windsor)
- Treasurer – Christy Shafer (South Windsor)

Credentials – Anita Mips (Windsor)

Convention – Ann Clark (Avon)

Ann Kilby (Marlborough)

Education - Philip Theroux (Rocky Hill)

Veronica Rosario (East Hartford)

Legislative – Theresa Avey (Newington)

Tom Pugliese (Rocky Hill)

Peter Gostin (New Britain) Alternate

Technology – Elizabeth Russeau (West Hartford)

Lizbeth Becker (Glastonbury)

Ann Kilby (Marlborough)

Donna Rusgrove (Burlington)

Handbook – Darlene Burrell (Suffield)

Donna Rusgrove (Burlington)

Lizbeth Becker (Glastonbury)

Michele Kacy (Marlborough)

Carol Hurley (Wethersfield)

Jennifer Marshall – Neary (Bloomfield)

Ways & Means - Christy Shafer (South Windsor)

Nominating – Peter Gostin (New Britain)

Meeting Dates - September 10<sup>th</sup> in Windsor

January 14<sup>th</sup> in Newington

March 11<sup>th</sup> in Windsor

June 10<sup>th</sup> In Newington

Zoom will still be available. Meetings will start at 10:00 am.

Possible speakers for next year: Ryan Bingham from Sullivan & LeShane

Kristin Sullivan – SOTS

Aida Carini - SOTS

UConn on the training program

Tom Miano SOTS IT- with project director Sean Cyr

Don't forget the State Wide Emergency plan. It is an opportunity to work with other dept.

Tim Becker (Manchester) would like SOTS to put regulations on the website. He ordered privacy booths from LHS. Many towns have extra booths if any town wants them.

ROVAC should do a survey on salaries.

Laura Wolf (Granby) asked if there was going to be a Republican primary. EMS is not available and wondering why not. The all the candidates have not been finalized yet so EMS has not been updated.

The next meeting will be September 10, 2024 in Windsor.

Submitted by,

Sue W. Larsen

Hartford County Secretary