

# **Board of Election Commissioners Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 22, 2015**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Esther Howland Chamber, City Hall**

**Call to Order by the Chairperson**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Approval of the Minutes of the March 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

- 1. Annual Organization according to the Worcester Home Rule Charter, section 7-1(c):**
  - 1. Election of Chair**
  - 2. Election of Secretary**
  - 3. Notice of appointment of Vice Chair**
- 2. Update concerning the 2015 Street Listing.**
- 3. Update on discussions with owners of Ward Six, Precinct Four polling location.**
- 4. Communication concerning acquisition of new voting machines.**
- 5. Schedules for training on the new voting machines.**

**6:15 p.m. – Hearing: change of Polling Location for Ward Two, Precinct Four**

**Adjournment:**

**Next Meeting Date:**

## **Minutes of Worcester Board of Elections Commissioners meeting April 22, 2015**

**Call to order by chairman Winant at 6:00 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Call to order by Chairman Robert Winant**

**Roll call:**

Commissioners present:

Commissioner Robert Winant

Commissioner Joseph Carlson

Commissioner Richard Duffy

Commissioner Diane Mohieldin

Commissioner Michael Perotto

Commissioners absent: NONE

The first order of business was the acceptance of the minutes from the March 30, 2015 meeting. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

Michael Perotto introduced as new commissioner to board.

Motion to suspend rules by chairman, seconded by Commissioner Carlson for 6; 15 PM

1<sup>st</sup> order of business election of new Officers. Commissioner Carlson nominates Diane Mohieldin as Chair seconded and approved.

Commissioner Carlson nominated Richard Duffy as secretary, seconded and approved.

Commissioner Winant turned gavel over to new Chair Diane Mohieldin. Michael Perotto nominated as Vice Chair, and approved.

1<sup>st</sup> item: update concerning the 2015 street listing

David Rushford City Clerk discussed the mailings, expenses with cost for higher responses. Commented on usage of card response with date. Municipal vs Presidential election response. Need to establish plans to encourage higher turnout to vote at polls Comparison chart given to commission for each election for review. Review of inactive and voting status. Plan for more active voters to reduce wait time in line.

Update on ward 6 Precinct 4 plan for carpenters union to visit and recommend improvement along with City Councilor Russell. City Clerk speaking to new owners and Jack Donoghue about improvements. Door handles parking lot, recommendations from commission on disabilities.

Next item acquisition of voting machines. Hold over until next meeting after May mailing.

City Clerk discussed Next item new voting machines: moved to contract status upon Election Commission review substantial savings with purchasing and Commission recommendations. Will be notified when contract is signed

Savings allowed added tablets for each voting location. Replaces paper voting list. Discussed voting lists and duplicate voting. Tablets would be in real time to eliminate duplicate voting. Early voting at locations designated by tablets would insure voting locations and registration checked off in data base of voters. Software would eliminate manual scanning and time lost with early voting.

Motion to go into public hearing.

Tony Economou spoke up about changing polling location to 116 Country club Blvd. Ward 2 precinct 4  
Talked about accessibility.

City clerk talked about disability commission study Update on district 1 tenant's assoc. Ward 2 Precinct 4 Tenant's association would be happy to house location Move has ramp's door width, access within two towers for elderly concentration. Landlord is more than agreeable to have this. And make any revs necessary. Motion stated approved and seconded.

City Clerk discussed additional equipment, electronic voting equipment, operations center in basement  
With City Mgr. meeting who was very supportive.

Public hearing closed.

City Clerk discussed pay for student poll workers and changes to consider (90.00 for work and not 80.00  
Included poll worker raises from \$120 to \$150 , wardens and clerks \$150 to \$180 budget  
recommendations from City Mgr.

No raises for election commission (oh well)

City clerk praises election workers at polls.

Commissioner Michael Perotto expands on his concerns for easy electronic voting.

City clerk responds about available funds for tablet poll books for new technology and savings with the vendor selection to afford the new technology. Information given to commission to make decision for the technology and data base mgt.

City Clerk on training with wardens and clerks, to be separate from poll workers. Training to be comprehensive but not overwhelming as to factors such as age, skills and knowledge levels.  
Training schedules to be made available next meeting about wardens, clerks, poll workers pay rates and actual training. Vendors will be available to assist in training.

Next meeting June 3. 2015

Chairperson Diane Mohieldin called for motion to adjourn, seconded and moved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM