

City of Worcester, Massachusetts Board of Election Commissioners Meeting
Monday, June 1, 2009
Esther Howland Chamber, City Hall
Convened: 5:00 p.m.

- 1) **Call to Order**
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Roll Call – Commissioners Dube, Goggins, Rodriguez and Stewart present.**
- 4) **Minutes**
 - **Minutes** for May 11, 2009 were accepted on a motion of Dube, seconded by Rodriguez.
 - **Minutes** for site visits on May 16, 2009 were accepted on a motion of Dube, seconded by Rodriguez.
- 5) **Old Business**
 - a) **The status of signature certifications for the municipal election was presented.**
 - b) **The board received an update on the status of polling places.**
 - **ward 4, precinct 4, currently located at Friendly House, 36 Wall Street, with an entrance on Thorne Street**

The City Clerk, the Assistant Elections Director Joshua Meduna, the Director of the City of Worcester Human Rights & Disabilities Fran Manocchio, and Mike Kennedy, ADA/Access Coordinator for the Center for Living & Working met on May 20, 2009 at 326 Plantation Street. The group reviewed the proposed polling place at that location (American Legion). Other sites were also viewed including YOU Inc./St. Joseph's Church parking lot and the Franklin Street Fire Station.

Later the city clerk staff visited Friendly House and determined that an improvement to access involving the ramp may be in order.
 - **ward 1, precinct 2 currently located at Jewish Healthcare Center, 629 Salisbury Street**

The elections staff will arrange a joint visit with the City of Worcester Human Rights & Disabilities to the Willows at Worcester, 101 Barry Road, a potential polling site that must meet ADA compliance.
 - c) **The Board scheduled two public hearings to collect public testimony before voting to designate the Willows at Worcester, 101 Barry Road as a polling place for ward 1, precinct 2. The hearings are scheduled at City Hall on June 22 and June 29, 2009 at 5 pm.**
 - d) **The Board received a letter from the City of Springfield, Massachusetts Board of Election Commissioners requesting the City of Worcester, Board of Election Commissioners' opinion. Springfield wants to file a bill that would require photo identification to register to vote or vote.**

The elections staff has contacted or will contact the city solicitor to determine how the law is currently administered.

In March 2009, the Board requested that the City Clerk research the list of bills that have been referred to the legislative committee on Election Laws. Mr. Meduna agreed to research the status of the request.

The board voted "To continue to support the uniform application of existing election law" on a motion of Ms. Dube.
 - e) **Commissioner Goggins extended his congratulations to Mr. Joshua Meduna for his professional accomplishments and academic achievements.**
- 6) **The board voted to adjourn.**

Submitted by Ana Rodriguez, Secretary
