

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
Board of Civil Authority
Minutes of January 15, 2025

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Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Greg Jenne, Chair.

Present: Justin Wardwell, Donna Williamson, Gloria Martin, Owen Astbury, William Young, Steve Tarleton, Jerry Oppenheimer and Nancy Robinson, Clerk

On zoom: Joan & Dennis Wideman, Melissa Spear & Vicky Young

Additions or changes to the agenda: None

Minutes of December 13, 2024 unanimously approved as written.

Greg reported that several members of the BCA had “toured” the Community Center (BACF) this afternoon to check the status of building for Town Meeting use. Meeting room area is ready, bathrooms are still under construction but are expected to be completed within a few days. New elevator is not functional at moment, awaiting generator connection and signage. Expected to be done before town meeting. Brian Bontrager, BACF Director is working with State Fire Marshall to get 1-day waiver for use of building as it is still under construction. In hopes of having this done within the next week. This action was prompted by notice from the Fire Department that fire station will not be available for town meeting use due to equipment liability concerns.

Per State Statue the town meeting polling place has to be designated by January 23rd and reported to the Sec. of States Office.

Greg moved to approve the use of the Community Center as the designated Town Meeting venue pending waiver. Motion was approved.

Discussion of other possible meeting locations in case the Community Center isn't available.

(1)Killington Snowmobile Tour Building on RT 100 in West Bridgewater. Greg will follow up with building owners for possible use, meeting room size and ADA compliance.

(2)Grange Hall – was just used for Special Town Meeting, held 76 participants, not sure about 150.

Greg moved and Justin seconded to approve the use of venue options #1 & 2 for town meeting if needed and available. Motion carried.

Discussion of Australian Ballot vote for the school articles; budget and board member also on March 4th. Will not require use of tabulator machine. Voting hours will be 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Will need BCA members throughout the day and evening to count after polls close.

Being no further business, Greg moved to adjourn at 4:50 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Robinson

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Clerk