

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Board of Civil Authority  
January 10, 2024

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Meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm by Greg Jenne, Chair

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

Additions/changes to agenda: none

Jerry moved and Donna seconded to approve minutes from July 19, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion of 2024 Town Meeting (Floor Voting) process. Town Meeting is on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Town Meeting will be held at the Fire Station. Community Center was an option but the building is not ready for this year. Fire trucks will be pulled out and put at the old station for the day. As town meeting draws nearer, we will need volunteers to help set up the room as well as the microphone system. Nancy would like to invite Jim Langlands to assist with setting up the system so that we know that it is working properly.

The Presidential Primary and School warned articles including bond vote for a new school building will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup>, polls will be open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Voting will be held in person and by absentee ballot, request only.

Nancy reviewed the timeline for both voting processes, floor, and Australian ballot. Social Service petitions are due on or before January 18<sup>th</sup>, Candidate Consent forms and petitions are due (currently for school board members) by January 29<sup>th</sup>. Town budget and warning are currently being worked on.

Discussion of using the tabulating machine for the presidential primary and school ballots. May be a higher turnout this year for the school articles which will include the bond vote. Nancy asked for a motion to use the tabulator machine for all the voting to take place this year (August Primary and General Election in November). William moved and Jerry seconded to use the tabulating machine for all the elections. Motion carried.

Staffing for in-person town meeting and voting at the town office for the Presidential Primary and School vote was discussed. BCA members will work shifts during the day of the elections and extra help will be brought in as needed.

Being no further business, Greg moved and William seconded to adjourn at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Robinson*

Nancy Robinson,  
Clerk