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BOYLSTON BOARD OF REGISTRARS
Meeting Minutes

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, the Board of Voter Registrars met on:

Thursday, May 13th, 2021

11 o'clock A.M.

Ward Nicholas Conference Room

Boylston Town Hall

221 Main Street, Boylston, Massachusetts

In Attendance: Bonnie Johnson, Joanne LaChance, Dawn Porter, Cindy Sears.

- Members of the Board had viewed polling activities at the May 10th, 2021 Town Election and all comments were positive in regard to how the election was conducted. Turnout was very low as there were no contested races; only 168 of 3,981 registered voters turned out for the election. The only race was between write-in candidates for the Parks and Recreation open seats.
- Registrars reviewed the overview and responsibilities sections describing the BOR on the Town's website. Dawn had made some revisions to the site, and expressed that more fine tuning could occur in the near future. All members of the Board felt comfortable with the posting.
- Dawn Porter and Bonnie Johnson provided the other Registrars with an overview of the voter inactivation process. Voter inactivation/confirmation card mailings are statutory in Massachusetts, and essential to keeping voter rolls accurate. It appears that inactivation/review of voter rolls has not formally taken place in Boylston for several years. Dawn and Assistant Town Clerk Rebecca Walker are making cleaning up voter rolls and census information a top priority and will keep the Board updated on their progress. Due to the years of neglect, this first inactivation/ mailing period will be a major undertaking.
- Major focuses for the 2021/2022 year will be ensuring accurate census and voter information, developing an electronic record for vitals information, and extensive work on the Town's records archives.
- Meeting adjourned 11:50 a.m.