

Cheverly Board of Elections Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2020

Attendees: John LeGloahec – Chair, Joseph Pruden, Robin Kaye

1. Called to order at 7:06 pm via Zoom
2. Minutes from the December 2 meeting approved by consensus
3. Town of Cheverly Voter Registry
 - John forwarded Joseph's question to the Town attorney regarding the legality of military families registering to vote in the Town when their declared residence / voter registry is out of state. The initial response was that it is likely not a problematic scenario, but he will verify and get back to us.
 - The Town attorney will need to craft language for our voter registration form outlining the circumstances when it is not lawful to register to vote in Cheverly.
4. Public Hearing on proposed charter amendments
 - Proposed amendments
 - Increasing the number of Supervisors from 3 to 5
 - Early voting / Saturday voting
 - Same day voter registration
 - Voting by mail / expanding absentee voting process
 - The hearing went smoothly, as these topics are not controversial. Very little public feedback, but it was positive.
 - Upcoming sequence of events for the charter amendments:
 - 1st reading takes place at the Town meeting on December 10
 - 2nd & 3rd readings at the January and February Town meetings, respectively
 - Amendments would take effect 50 days after the vote in February should they pass
 - The Town attorney is looking into the ability to appoint Supervisors outside of the usual specified timeframe (January), since the amendment wouldn't take effect until April.
5. Citizen Input – None
6. Six months to Election Day 2021
 - Will schedule work sessions soon to iron out some of the election preparations
7. Action Items
 - Ballot Boxes – Joseph did not have any new information about getting an official box from the county. A potential plan B could be to ask the Cheverly American Legion if we can borrow its flag disposal box which is a repurposed USPS mailbox.
 - Town Voter Registry – The Supervisors reviewed the draft text of the email Robin drafted to send to nearby municipalities seeking insight into their implementations. It was agreed upon to go ahead and send the email to mayors and administrators of the cities / towns. Robin will reach out to councilmember Kayce Munyeneh to get her input on who to contact, since she offered up this help in a previous meeting.

- Next Meetings:
Work Session: December 29, 7 pm
Regular Meeting: January 13, 7 pm

8. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm