

Cheverly Board of Election Supervisors

Agenda

January 28, 2019

Attendees: John LeGloahec
Margaret McDonnell
Elizabeth Stewart

Next meeting: February 19, 6:30pm

1. Call to order – the meeting was called to order at 6:30.
2. Election of Chair of the Board of Supervisors – John LeGloahec was appointed as Chair of the Board of Election Supervisors, nominated by Stewart, seconded by McDonnell.
3. Review of 2017 Election – the 2017 election was discussed, including a request following the election to review the ballots cast for the Ward 2 Council position.
4. Recommendations for 2019 Election
 - Early voting on Saturday May 4, 2019 – it has been suggested that the Town hold a day of early voting on Saturday prior to the election. The code does not currently allow for this – but there may be a way to hold “in person absentee” voting on Saturday from 9:00am – 1:00pm
 - Election Day on Monday May 6, 2019 – the election for Mayor and Council will take place on Monday May 6 from 7:00am – 8:00pm
 - Absentee Ballot Procedures – in light of the increased number of absentee ballots cast in the 2017 election – the Board of Election Supervisors will review the existing procedures and policies to see if there are efficiencies that can be implemented to facilitate an increased number of absentee ballots should they be used in the 2019 election.

“Absentee In Person” voting could proceed as follows (needs to be reviewed by the Town Attorney):
 1. Voter comes to Town Hall and receives a form for Absentee Ballot
 2. Voter fills out the form and submits it to the Supervisors
 3. Supervisor reviews and approves form and gives ballot to Voter
 4. Voter marks ballot and places the ballot in the ballot box.
 - Extra Election Supervisors? – there was a discussion of appointing 1 or 2 additional supervisors, however the time to appoint them may not be feasible in the time remaining before the election.
 - Shifts for Election Judges? – In 2017, the judges were appointed to a sliding shift schedule – however with the election featuring a mayoral race as well as the full Council, the judges will likely work the entire day.

5. Timetable review – most items on the schedule are proceeding apace and we are not behind on any items that we are aware of.

6. Other action items?

The Board received a question from Micah Watson requesting that any candidate for office receive a notification that they will appear on the ballot (currently candidates are notified if there is an issue with their filing documents and not if all is in order)

The Board received a question from CM MacKenzie regarding the possibility of early voting – she was told that the Board is discussing the matter.

The Board received a question from CM MacKenzie if candidates were required to file a form concerning the raising and reporting of campaign financials. To our knowledge there is no requirement.

7. Set dates & times for future meetings

The Board will meet on the following dates:

February 19 @ 6:30pm

March 7 @ 6:30pm

March 26 @ 6:30pm

April 4 @ 6:30pm

April 11 @ 6:30pm

April 25 @ 6:30pm

During the week of March 22 (the filing deadline for candidates) the Board will be on call to approve candidate paperwork.

During the week of April 26 and the week of May 3, the Board will be on call to review and approve requests for absentee ballots.

Pending other needs, the Board of Supervisors will be available as required.

8. Adjourn – the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm