

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE
Board of Registrars Meeting
July 22, 2021

On Thursday, July 22, 2021, the Board of Registrars held a meeting at 2:00 PM at the Lakeville Police Station, Meeting Room at 323 Bedford Street, Lakeville, MA. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM by Town Clerk and Board of Registrar Lillian Drane. Board of Registrars Members present were: Waltraud (Wally) Kling, David Morwick, Susan Lynch and Lillian Drane. LakeCam was recording the meeting for a later broadcast.

Town Clerk and Board of Registrar Drane begins the meeting with a roll call then welcomed new Board of Registrar, Susan Lynch to the Board.

Reorganization of the Board of Registrars

A motion was made by Drane- so moved and seconded by Kling to nominate David Morwick as Chairman to the Board of Registrars. Motion passed unanimously.

Authorization to sign bills, payroll and invoices

A motion was made by Chairman Morwick- so moved and seconded by Kling to authorize Town Clerk and Board of Registrar Lillian Drane to sign any and all bills invoices and payrolls that may come before the Board of Registrars for payment relative to Elections and Registrations. Motion passed unanimously.

Authorization of Board's Facsimile Stamps

A motion was made by Chairman Morwick- so moved and seconded by Kling to authorize Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk, to perform the work as specified in 950 CMR 55.02 and use the Boards' facsimile stamps on the nomination papers and petitions that are submitted for certification. Motion passed unanimously.

Drane noted that soon Initiative Petitions A & B will be circulating and will need 80k signatures to be submitted to the Secretary of State for approval.

Policies- Absentee Ballot Voting & Early Voting

A motion was made by Chairman Morwick- so moved and seconded by Kling to implement a policy regarding during the period of Early Voting and or Absentee Ballot voting, no political signs or attempts at political persuasion are permitted on the Town Hall property located at 346 Bedford Street, Lakeville, MA. In addition, no political signs or attempts at political persuasion are permitted on any other municipal property during the period that it is used for Early Voting and to have the Board of Selectmen sign the policy as well. Motion passed unanimously.

Drane, explained to the Board the need for these policies is due to the fact of last year's contested race for the Presidency and voters came in to vote supporting the candidates, wearing hats or t-shirts which were asked to remove or turn it inside out.

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Yearly appointment of Election Officers per MGL c54 §12

A motion was made by Chairman Morwick- so moved and seconded by Lynch to appoint as Election Officers until August 15, 2022 pursuant to MGL Chapter 54, §12 as follows: Motion passed unanimously.

1	Joseph A. Chamberlain, II	48 Highland Road, Lakeville
2	Joan M. Morton	72 Highland Road, Lakeville
3	Jean A. Douillette	17 Precinct Street, Lakeville
4	Beverly Ingraham	6 Haskell Circle, Lakeville
5	Kristen L. Main	51 Lakeside Avenue, Lakeville
6	Joan E. Newcomb	8 Cicero Drive, Apt 1, Lakeville
7	Gary E. Mansfield	25 Forest Park Drive, Lakeville
8	Debra L. Martin	42 Taunton Street, Lakeville
9	Patrick R. Fitzgerald	4 Shockley Drive, Lakeville
10	Joanne L. Corrieri-Upham	9 Pine Haven Lane, Lakeville
11	Stephanie Annichiarico	34 Plympton Street, New Bedford, MA 02745
12	Gail A. Evirs	41 South Kingman Street, Lakeville
13	Francis B. Kenney, IV	18 Clark Road, Lakeville
14	Judy J. Roberts	98 Main Street, Lakeville
15	Karen A. Keohane	41 Haskell Circle, Lakeville
16	JoAnn K. Chiuppi	57 Montgomery Street, Lakeville
17	Evelyn C. Bumpus	51 Haskell Circle, Lakeville
18	Mary M. Fronzaglia	13 Parkhurst Drive, Lakeville
19	Donald J. Bernier, Jr.	61 Rhode Island Road, Lakeville
20	Robert W. Marshall	16 Barstow Street, Lakeville
21	Mary E. Sylvia	23 Beechwood Avenue, Lakeville
22	Maria A. Perrone-Martin	207 Cedar Drive, Lakeville
23	Peter Chiuppi	57 Montgomery Street, Lakeville
24	Barbara L. Hadsell	17 Keene Shores Road, Lakeville
25	Cynthia M. Sousa	13 Lincoln Street, Lakeville
26	Margaret D. Bethune	24 Lebaron Blvd, Lakeville
27	Kathleen L. Fuller	304 Bedford Street, Lakeville
28	Karen L. Regas	69 Main Street, Lakeville
29	Melissa M. Fitzgerald	4 Shockley Drive, Lakeville
30	Cindy L. Barber	60 Highland Road, Lakeville
31	Richard Velez	80 Kingman Street, Lakeville
32	Karen A. Donnelly	6 Parkhurst Drive, Lakeville
33	Robin Marques	61 Rhode Island Road, Lakeville
34	Elizabeth L. Nash	53 Montgomery Street, Lakeville
35	Robert Bethune	24 Lebaron Blvd, Lakeville
36	Debra Kenney	18 Clark Road, Lakeville
37	Susan T. Dunn	18 Montgomery Street, Lakeville
38	Dale Horton	205 Main Street, Lakeville
39	Ryan Jenkins	4 Anaconda Drive, Lakeville

Drane explained that the list consists of Election Officers that have been Election Officer for a long time and that she will need to seek new Election Officers next year due to the fact of losing

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several Election Officers due to COVID-19 implications or no longer interested in becoming Election Officers.

Town Clerk's Report

Poll Pads by LHS - Drane introduced to the Board, the nation's leading electronic poll book provided by LHS for paperless voter check-in which replaces the outdated paper model that is often the cause of long lines at the polls and inefficient election record keeping. She explained the following:

- Currently 175 communities are using the Poll Pads including the surrounded Towns of Carver, East Bridgewater, Middleboro, Plymouth, Raynham Taunton, West Bridgewater and Wareham to name a few.
- Voter's an average check-in time is about 15 seconds, which means shorter wait times and ultimately, increased voter turnout.
- Poll worker is able to locate voters faster and easier using the manual entry or ID scan. Also, electronically records totals for the end of night tallying.
- Town Clerk is able to load the information to the Voter Registration System post-election in minutes instead of days. Also streamline access to check-in totals, turnout data and reporting.
- Training will be available for the Staff and looking to use them for the upcoming Fall Town Meeting if one is scheduled or the Annual Town Election in April of 2022.

Possible 4th Precinct – Clerk Drane explained the possibility of a 4th precinct for the Town of Lakeville due to the estimated numbers of the 2020 Federal US Census. Currently the 2020 Census data is estimated at 11, 649 residents. The following statistics were read as follows:

POPULATION: FEDERAL CENSUS

In 2010 population was (10,620)

- a. Precinct 1- 3,407
- b. Precinct 2- 3,510
- c. Precinct 3- 3,685

Lakeville currently has 3 precincts

- . All 3 precincts are nearing the maximum, allowable population (4,000)
 - a. 2020 census data is estimated to be at least 11,649 residents (*diff: 1,029*)
 - b. Precinct 1- 3,824
 - c. Precinct 2- 4,044
 - d. Precinct 3- 3,781

If the 3 precincts are kept and the number are shifted, Town will be unable to grow in the next 10yrs. Numbers would be as follows:

- a. Precinct 1- 3,824
- b. Precinct 2- 3,987
- c. Precinct 3- 3,838;

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4th Precinct would consist of:

Precinct 1 - 2,909
Precinct 2 - 2,887
Precinct 3 - 2,881
Precinct 4 - 2,972

Drane explained the TIMELINE for the 2020 Census Map as follows:

- Currently working on the simulation map based on 2020 Census data estimates
- Official Census Date released- anticipated September 30, 2021
- October 2021- local approval of updated precinct map and to submit for approval to Selectboard
- City/Town Clerks must give written notice of approved map to the Local Election Districts Review Committee (LEDRC- 3 members: consist of Attorney General, Secretary of State and a member appointed by the Governor) by October 30th

Drane explained that the Legislature is looking to draft NEW re-precincting legislation – they are seeking drawing their districts first without regard to any new precinct lines established locally. It would need to be voted upon by both the Senate and House.

Hourly Wages – Advised the Board the hourly pay rate for the Board of Registrars and Poll Workers have increased from \$11.00 to \$12.50 per hour.

Early Voting Dates & Location – Made aware of the upcoming elections until 2027 included the early voting sessions with the possibility of revisions.

Yearly- Election & Town Meeting Calendars – Made aware of the yearly calendar with voter registration sessions along with Town Meeting.

Annual Election Training from Secretary of State – Advised the Board according to MGL c51, §17A requires training of local election officials by Secretary of State on an annual basis.

Local Option Statue; Acceptance of Chapter MGL s41, §110A – Explained to the Board the need for acceptance of this chapter which allows the Town Clerk's Office to treat Saturdays as a legal holiday when calculating filing deadlines, such as voter registrations or submittal of nomination papers.

Massachusetts Town Clerks' Association (MTCA) – Election Laws 2022 and Beyond – Explained to the Board that the Legislature has reached an agreement on extending the early voting provisions until December 31, 2021 for any City or Town that will have elections in the fall, just waiting on the Governor's signature.

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Drane explained that the Massachusetts Town Clerks' Association (MTCA) met with the Joint Committee on Election Laws regarding conveying concerns about Bill S459- the VOTES ACT and some of the concerns would be as follows:

- Remove the required postcard mailing by the Secretary of State- explained that this was labor intensive process, which also caused duplicate request and voter confusion. MTCA recommends developing an online request portal to augment the existing mail-in ballot request form
- Reduce the in-person Early Voting period- statistics have shown very low turnout numbers for the Primary and moderate numbers for general elections. Permanent vote-by-mail will further reduce the need for in-person early voting sessions.
- Adopt Election Day Registration and maintain the existing voter registration deadline of 20 days instead of 10 days. This provides a safeguard for those who miss the deadline and will be more secure and easier to manage.

Clerk Drane stated that she hopes the Joint Committee will take swift actions, so the Secretary of the Commonwealth, local clerks and voters have the time necessary to prepare and select their voting options that will ensure success in 2022 and beyond. Clerk Drane read the following statistics:

Statistics: Presidential Election- November 2020:

Absentee Voting -applications	145	1.7%	January- April
Vote By Mail-Online Portal	122	1.5%	August
Vote By Mail -applications handled	2,555	30%	July – October 27th
Early Voting In person @ Old Town Hall	2,519	30%	12 days October
Election Day	2,543	31%	November 3rd
TOTAL Voted	7,377	86.%	
Registered Voters	8,559		As of October 24th,

Adjournment

All business on the agenda having been acted upon, a motion made by Chairman Morwick and seconded by Kling to adjourn the Board of Registrar's Meeting at **2:34 PM**- so moved, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Drane, MMC, CMMC
Town Clerk/ Board of Registrar