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Board of Registrars Meeting – June 15, 2015

Members Present:

Robert Desmarais, Chairman
Patrick Driscoll
Linda Koutoulas, City Clerk

Meeting opened at 4:02

Discussed: Clerk led off discussion regarding challenged voter registrations. First challenged voter registration, Brianne Reagan, was resolved as Ms. Reagan appeared in the office on June 10th and completed a new voter registration form with her new address in Bedford, MA.

Voted: Upon a motion the Chairman Desmarais, and a second by Mr. Driscoll, a unanimous vote was taken and the registrars considered this matter resolved.

Discussed: Then challenged registration of Mathew Robbins was discussed. The clerk received a letter from the owner of 63 Hilldale Ave on April 27, 2015 challenging the voter registration of his deceased wife's nephew, Mr. Robbins. Mr. Boucher stated that Mr. Robbins has never lived at the address he listed on his voter registration form.

In accordance with MGL Ch., 51, sec 48 and 49, the Board of Registrars scheduled a hearing for June 15, 2015. On June 8th, the City Clerk had the Haverhill Police Department attempt to deliver in hand a letter Mr. Robbins at 64 Hilldale Ave. The police documented the results of their efforts and noted they were unable to locate Mr. Robbins and deliver in hand. They returned the letter to the Clerk's office on Wed, June 10th after attempts to deliver.

Voted: On June 15th, the hearing was held concerning this matter and there was a motion to stricken Mr. Mathew Robbins voter registration at 63 Hilldale Ave. from the voter list, made by Mr. Driscoll, seconded by Chairman Desmarais, and voted unanimously.

The BOR recognized that should Mr. Robbins come in and contest this decision before the upcoming elections, the BOR will reopen the matter and hold a hearing.

Discussed: On a side note, the initial problem appears to stem from misinformation and bad advice provided at the AAB agency where these voter registration forms were filled out. Ms. Reagan related to us that a social worker at the agency, in an attempt to assist her in obtaining food stamps, advised Ms. Reagan to provide an address. Ms. Reagan was homeless and though she told this to the social worker, the worker then told her to fill in her mother's address, even though Ms. Reagan told her she does not and has not lived there. The social worker told her "it didn't matter" and "it wasn't a big deal" and "put it down anyway".

Both of these challenged registrations came from the same agency about the same time. The City Clerk had made a complaint to the SOC and they were going to review the issue.

Voted: At 4:10, Chairman Desmarais made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Driscoll and voted unanimously. No future meeting has yet been scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10PM



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