Town of Millville

Board of Registrars Meeting via Remote Zoom

Friday, March 27, 2020

1:00 p.m.

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Attendees:

Diane Lockwood, Town Clerk

Patricia Finn, Registrar

David Maloney, Registrar

Absent:

Andrea Herrick, Registrar

Technical:

Timothy Labonte, Millville Cable Access

The meeting was opened by Diane Lockwood, Town Clerk, at 1:00 p.m. after being posted as required.

There being only one item on the agenda, i.e., discuss and vote to postpone annual Town Election scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2020, and this being our first remote meeting, we took several minutes with Tim Labonte of Cable Access to understand the remote process.

After some technical difficulty with David Maloney's phone, the meeting was reconvened at 1:09 p.m.

Diane referenced an e-mail sent to her by Michelle K. Tassinari, Director and Legal Counsel, Elections Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and forwarded to the Board of Registrars regarding that the election scheduled April 6, 2020 in Millville be postponed to a date to be determined prior to June 30, 2020, by the Millville Board of Selectmen, at their next meeting scheduled for April 7, 2020.

Diane then called for any discussion regarding this proposed postponement.

David stated that due to the safety and health of all concerned, he felt a postponement was the right thing to do.

Diane stated that even if postponed, the Town ballot would still be printed with the date of April 6, 2020, and that all terms would officially start the first Monday of April according to Town By-Laws, and that whoever holds an elected post remains until the next election, whether a 3 year or a 5 year post. She also mentioned that there are rules that the Town must abide by. Pat asked about the rules, and Diane stated that we must, as a Town:

- 1. Post the election postponement on the Town Website
- Send out a "reverse 911" call to all Millville citizens advising them of the postponement AFTER the Board of Selectmen meets, with a future election date to be announced.

- 3. Potential notice in local newspaper. Since Millville does not have a local newspaper, this item may not be done.
- 4. The Board of Registrars must have a quorum for this vote to postpone.

As such Diane called for a vote, "pursuant to section 1 of chapter 45 of the Acts of 2020 and because of the state of emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to executive order 591, Declaration of a State of Emergency to Respond to COVID-19, the Millville Town election scheduled for April 6, 2020 is hereby postponed" with a future election date to be announced by the Millville Board of Selectmen after their upcoming meeting on April 7, 2020.

The vote was unanimous by the Board of Registrars to postpone the Millville Town election on April 6, 2020.

Diane state that she would send to the Board of Registrars a copy of all the rules and regulations regarding this postponement (as sent to her by Michelle Tassinari) via e-mail.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Finn