Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Registrars 4-23-10

The Board of Registrars met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Clerk’s office.

Members, Leis Phinney, Sandy Szlachetka, and Howard Whyte were present. Debbie Fisher tried several times to access the meeting via Go To Meeting Phone Conference, but was unable to call in. The newest member of the Board, Howard Whyte, was introduced and welcomed. Howard, a Republican, is replacing Lynn Begin, a Democrat, who resigned due to health issues.

Not discussed, but for the record:

Sandy Szlachetka’s term will expire in April 2021,

Howard Whyte’s term will expire in April 2023,

Debbie Fisher’s term will expire in 2022, and

Leis Phinney’s term runs with the Town Clerk’s election term, currently May 2021.

We approved the minutes of the meeting on November 22, 2019 and set the next meeting for Wednesday May 6, 2020 at 7 p.m. to certify any additional papers that are received are received by 5 p.m. Tuesday May 5, 2020. ‘

We discussed the use of signature stamps. Howard declined and Sandy reminded us that her stamp is only for our use when she is travelling.

Leis reviewed potential costs and changes in processes due to COVID-19. The Board affirmed her decision to provide postage for returning mail-in ballots, to make it easier for voters to return the ballots. The also agreed that putting an ad in the Sturbridge Villager to provide voters with the application to vote by mail was worthwhile due to the requirement that people stay at home as much as possible. These extra costs should be covered by FEMA reimbursements.

We certified names on the State Primary Nomination paper of Stephen Hall for State Senator and Todd Smola for State Representative.

We certified names on Town Nomination papers of John Grasso for Board of Selectmen, Bev Poirier for Board of Assessors, Dan Haley for Board of Health, Bill Anair for Cemetery Commission, Kim Bready for Library Trustee, Amy Bishop for School Committee and Kevin Jegelewicz for Constable.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Leis Phinney

Clerk