

Board of Registrars

Lucia Foley
April Bellafiore
Karl Grochowalski
Sara B. Gmeiner, Town Clerk

Board of Registrars Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: **Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 3:15pm**
Town Clerk's Office, M11, 116 Main Street, South Hadley, MA 01075
Present: Lucia Foley, Sarah Gmeiner, April Bellafiore
Absent: Karl Grochowalski

Approval of Minutes

A motion made by Lucia and seconded by Sarah to approve meeting minutes for February 9, 2023 was approved unanimously.

Old BusinessElection updates:

Four or five roadside message signs with Town Election information will be deployed throughout town in late March. Depending on the number available, locations are Route 33 near the Big Y, West Summit Street, the Town Commons, and Route 116 near the Middle School and fire station.

An advanced removal process is planned on April 6 for mail-in ballots received to date to be removed from envelopes, processed through the machines, and then placed in locked storage. This will provide faster results on election night as in-person ballots and most mail-in ballots will be on tape. There are separate ballots for each of the five precincts.

Election night timeline and tasks were discussed. Sarah has arranged to have one trained, fresh election worker at 7pm for each precinct to help close out. Unofficial results from in-person voting should be posted on the outside door of the high school by 8:30pm. The target for posting unofficial results for candidates on the ballot at Town Hall is 9:30pm. Write-in results will follow later. Candidates can provide their contact information to the Clerk's office to receive a call or email with information about results. Official results are available by 48 hours after the elections.

New BusinessVoter awareness and engagement:

An 'I Voted' sticker contest for local students will be explored for the 2024 election.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 3:15pm