

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, JULY 26TH 6 PM

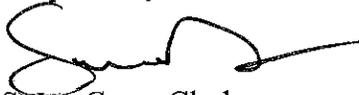
Present: Lou Faivre, Del Cook, Sally Cook, Marge Munger, Joan Thomas, Richard Baker, Dick White and Susan Gage

To hear and adopt revised polling policies.

Meeting was opened by Lou Faivre at 6:30 pm. Clerk, Sue Gage shared signage that was recently purchased and discussed notifications in public venues that has been distributed regarding the new polling place, Brandon Town Hall. Discussed the polling place policies and made revisions to documents to include references to the new polling place. Motion by Dick White to adopt the revised policies, seconded by Richard Baker. Clerk, Sue Gage will mail the policies to all candidates so that they are aware of the new rules. The rules will also be posted at the polling place during the election.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Gage, Clerk



Louis Faivre, Chair

Candidate and Poll Watcher Guidelines

1. No campaigning, electioneering or discussion of the election is to take place inside the building or any location where an election is being held (the polling place).
2. No campaign materials including signs, buttons, leaflets, or any other election materials are permitted inside the polling place.
3. Individual voters may bring in brochures and written campaign materials for their own use, but these may not be shown to others or left in the voting booth or polling place.
4. No one may impede or block the path to and from the polling place.
5. Candidates and/or campaign workers are not allowed on the entrance walkway. Candidates and/or campaign workers must remain on public sidewalks or on the Town Hall steps only. Candidates and/or campaign workers are asked to respect travel along public sidewalks.
6. Care should be taken to allow easy access by the public to parking places. Be careful of traffic entering and exiting the parking area. Candidates and/or campaign workers may be asked to remove their cars from the parking lot if the parking area becomes too congested.
7. Campaign signs are not permitted in the ground in or around the polling area. Candidates and/or campaign workers are permitted to hold signs on public sidewalks or on the Town Hall steps but signs will not be allowed in the ground around the polling place. Vehicles with campaign signs may only park at or near the polling place for the average amount of time it would take someone to vote.
8. Poll watchers are permitted inside the polling place and must remain in the designated observation area. They must not interrupt the election officials or the election process. No speaking to the voters. No cell phones or pagers are permitted.
9. If any question arises, please contact the presiding election official.
10. Poll watching rules apply during the vote counting process.

References:

Title 17 VSA Section 2505 Guardrail
Section 2508 Campaigning during polling hours, voter access
Section 2572 Viewing of the checklist
Section 2581 Closing polls

Re-Adopted by the Board of Civil Authority on Feb 12, 2015

Revised and Adopted by the Board of Civil Authority on July 26, 2016

Town of Brandon Policy on Politicking at the Polling Place

Vermont law prohibits politicking within the building containing the polling place. 17 VSA §2508

- Voters must remove campaign buttons, hats, and other paraphernalia before coming in to vote. Coats should be kept on if a person is wearing a campaign shirt.
- All conversations about candidates should be kept outside of the polling place.
- Individual voters may bring in brochures and written campaign materials for their own use, but these may not be shown to others or left in the voting booth or polling place.
- Exit polling is considered politicking and must remain outside of the polling place.

Vermont law permits the presiding officer to designate an area outside of the polling place where candidates, supporters and pollsters can stand, offer information, conduct polls, and/or hold signs.

- **The voter's progress into and out of the polling place may not be blocked.**
- Candidates, supporters and pollsters may stand on the public sidewalk across from the polling place or on the stairs of the Town Hall and not be on or block entry to the polling place walkway.
- No unattended signs are permitted at or near the polling place.
- Vehicles with campaign signs may only park near the polling place for the average amount of time it would take someone to vote.

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