



TOWN OF CALAIS

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BCA Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 14, 2024, 5:30 pm, Calais Town Hall & Zoom

DRAFT MINUTES

Board Members Present: Janet Ancel (JP), Scott Bassage (JP), Tina Bielenberg (JP), Dillon Burns (JP) Barbara Butler (JP), Teegan Dykeman-Brown (Town Clerk), Charlotte Hanna (JP), Jordan Keyes (SB), Michael Loignon (JP and BCA Chair), Christy Mihaly (SB), Jamie Moorby (SB), Anne Toolan (SB), Anne Winchester (SB)

Members of the Public Present: Kari Bradley, Craig Line, ORCA, Bill Powell

Michael Loignon called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Scott moved to approve the Minutes of November 13, 2023. Kristina seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Charlotte noted that the board had discussed election security at a prior meeting and requested an update. Barbara and Teegan reported that residents have been enlisted to be present at polling places and de-escalate as needed during the Presidential Primary and the General Election, but so far there have been no issues. There is no plan to do so outside of contentious presidential elections.

Scott moved to approve the Minutes of March 25, 2024. Jordan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Kristina noted that the November minutes listed in the attendance initials signifying the office of each member and requested that it be instated going forward.

Kristina nominated Michael to be Chair for the ensuing year. Charlotte seconded. Michael accepted the nomination. Barbara made a friendly amendment that it be for a two-year term. All agreed. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Kristina nominated Charlotte to be Vice Chair for a two-year term. Scott seconded. Charlotte accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

Teegan recommended that Calais Elementary School be the polling place on Town Meeting Day of 2025. She suggested polling hours from 7 am to 7 pm. She did not think the tabulator was worth the cost for this election (\$766 for printing ballots through LHS plus \$525 for programming the tabulator, versus under \$500 for a hand count).

Craig Line asked for Town Meeting to be returned to the Town Hall. He said that a lot of work was put into the restoration and a lot of taxpayer money, and many people would like to see it

return. Barbara explained that the Town Hall only has septic for up to 150 people, and more than that usually come to Town Meeting. The Town Hall is not heated or insulated on the top floor. Parking is also more limited at the Town Hall than at the elementary school.

Barbara moved not to use the tabulator at the local election on March 4, 2025. Anne seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Barbara moved that the March 4, 2025, election be held at Calais Elementary School from 7 am to 7 pm. Anne seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Changes to the Checklist pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2144b: Teegan defined some of the terms on the checklist update in response to members' questions. No action was needed, so none was taken.

Confirm that Challenged Voters who have not voted or responded to their challenge letter within the past two general election cycles will be purged following the November 5, 2024 election:

Michael asked that Teegan and Barbara look into Mathew Tassej before purging him. No other concerns.

Appoint Non-BCA Election Volunteers for the ensuing year (1-year term):

Scott moved that the list of Calais voters be appointed as election volunteers. Jordan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Diane Behymer

Laura Dailey

Janet Pocerobba

Elizabeth Schenck

Carolyn Herz

Mary Alice Proffitt

Brown

Wilson Hughes

Scott Robbins

Meliss Bunce

Linda Moschelle

Lynn Root

Roni Coleman

Linnea Noyes

Gary Root

Charlotte asked how folks got on the list, and Barbara described a few of the ways people could request to be added.

Meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm.