

*Town of Springfield - Board of Civil Authority
Selectmen's Hall - 96 Main Street - Third Floor
Thursday, September 3, 2015, 5:30 pm Minutes*

Justice of the Peace Members Present:

Franklin A. Poole
Michael J. Knoras
Kelly Stettner
Peter Andrews
Alice M. Emmons
Mark Greenvall
Ernest Lamphere
Stephen J. Matush
Steven J. Sysko
Kathleen Stankevich
Warren Cross

Selectperson Members Present:

Kristi Morris
Peter E. MacGillivray

Others:

Barbara A. Courchesne, Town Clerk
Maxine M. Aldrich, Assistant Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by the Chair.

1. Checklist Additions

Board Members were given a list of checklist additions from February 9, 2015 to August 25, 2015.

2. Challenged before November 2012

Board Members were given a pre batch purge voter listing of voters challenged before November 2012 who did not reply to the challenge and did not vote for two subsequent general elections that will now be purged.

MOTION: Mark Greenvall motioned to accept the list as presented. Mike Knoras seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion passed.

3. Checklist Challenges

Board Members were given the present voter checklist for Districts 3-1 and 3-2 prior to the meeting for review. Board Members discussed that the attached list of voters be challenged.

MOTION: Warren Cross motioned to accept the proposed challenges for District 3-1. Peter Andrews seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Chairman Lamphere pointed out Charles Gregory has given an address of 69 Mineral Street. Mike Knoras noted no one is living in that house and Mr. Gregory has a PO Box for an address. Barbara Courchesne pointed out the Board can challenge if they do not believe he is a resident. Chairman Lamphere acknowledged Mr. Gregory lives in Chester but bought the Springfield property and is working on it to make it livable. Warren Cross noted it is his intent to live there. Chairman Lamphere noted the Select Board thought he was a resident and Mr. Gregory could stay on the Planning Commission. Barbara Courchesne read 17 V.S.A. 2122(b) defining residence. Barbara Courchesne confirmed Mr. Gregory bought the property in 2010 out of tax sale, he is fixing it up, there is no water or power, and he recently filed for homestead on his taxes. Barbara Courchesne read 17 V.S.A. 2150(d)(6) regarding removing a name from the checklist. She states that Mr. Gregory is not on the Chester checklist. Mr. Gregory was on the checklist prior to 2010 at Breezy Hill in Springfield.

MOTION: Steve Matush motioned to keep Charles Gregory on the checklist because he is fixing up the house and has voted here for years. Kristi Morris seconded. Discussion ensued. Barbara Courchesne reminded the Board that owning property does not make a person a resident and asked if the Board thought it was Mr. Gregory's intent to live there. Motion passed (1 opposed).

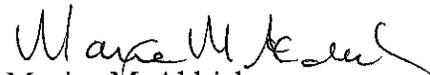
MOTION: Peter Andrews motioned to accept the proposed challenges for District 3-2 and the changes to challenges for District 3-1. Mark Greenvall seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.

4. Other Business

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Maxine M. Aldrich
Assistant Town Clerk