



To: Michael McGovern, Town Manager

From: Debra Lane, Town Clerk

Re: Appointment of Registrar of Voters

Date: December 17, 2010

State law requires the municipal officers to appoint a Registrar of Voters, see below. It is recommended the Town Council consider a registrar at the January 10, 2011 meeting.

Title 21-A Section 101

2. Appointment. The municipal officers of each municipality shall appoint in writing a qualified registrar of voters by January 1st of each odd-numbered year. The registrar shall serve for 2 years and until a successor is appointed and sworn. The municipal clerk may be appointed to serve as registrar, but the term of the clerk has no effect on the term of the registrar. If the clerk is not appointed to serve as registrar, the clerk must be appointed by the registrar to serve as a deputy registrar and has the same authority as the registrar to make determinations of voter eligibility and to perform the duties of voter registration as provided in this Title.

If the Town Council desires, it will be order to reappoint Debra M. Lane to serve as Registrar of Voters for a term to expire January 1, 2013.

State law provides for deputies (one or more) to be appointed by the registrar. A deputy registrar serves at the will of the registrar. Duties of the office are prescribed by the registrar. If appointed I will reappoint Jacqueline Coy, Deputy Registrar. I also may appoint additional deputies to serve during upcoming elections.

If you have further questions, please let me know.

Thank you very much.