

TOWN OF FENWICK ISLAND, DELAWARE

Minutes of the February 25, Ad hoc Election Committee Meeting

Call to Order and Flag Salute at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Lee

Members in Attendance: Julie Lee, Chair, Vicki Carmean, Lisa Benn, Mary Wright, Lynn Andrews

Staff in Attendance: Town Clerk Poole

Call to Order and Flag at 9:30 a.m. by Chair, Julie Lee

Motion: Motion made to approve the minutes with name correction – Lisa Benn

Second: Lynn Andrews

Discussion: None

Vote: (5-0)

➤ Voters Information Rack Card:

▪ First review of the rack card with some suggested changes:

- Decrease the size of the flag to allow the entire “Who is Eligible to Register to Vote” can be on the front of the card.
- Increase the font size
- Website address to be on the front of the card but make smaller
- Increase the font size for The Town of Fenwick Island
- Increase the font size in the headings
- Change the turquoise lettering to white
- Leave the 3 dots on the front and add dots to divide “How to Register to Vote” and “How to Vote”
- Right and left justification in the first paragraph
- Under “To Vote in Fenwick Island Elections” remove the period
- On the second line capitalize and bold the word “AND”
- Corrections to capitalizations in the document
- Periods at the end of all statements

➤ Voter/Election Information Comparison

▪ Lisa Benn did a comparison of some of the towns in Delaware for “Voting in an Election” and “Who is Eligible to Vote”

➤ Some noted differences:

- ✓ Restrictions
- ✓ Registration deadline dates
- ✓ Will not accept registration forms after closing date until after election
- ✓ No non-resident voting
- ✓ Residents eligibility for voting
- ✓ Spousal voting (whether listed on the deed or not)
- ✓ Amount of votes per property
- ✓ Non-resident voting restrictions

- ✓ Renters eligibility
- ✓ LLC and POA filing

- Possible recommendations to Charter & Ordinance:
 - 1) Renters not allowed to vote
 - 2) Non-resident trusts, LLC allowed to have two votes
- Letter to be prepared to present to Charter and Ordinance on recommended changes
- Chapter 13 Review
 - Is more informational but there are a few things:
 - 1) A candidate can get a list of the absentee ballot names
 - 2) A challenger present on your behalf
- Website Information Review
 - Committee to review what is currently present on the website and forward any changes
 - Lisa Benn noted all voting forms should be available
 - Committee will make recommendation for updates for the website.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn: Lisa Benn Second: Lynn Andrews

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

**Transcribed by Linda Poole, Town Clerk*