

TOWN OF FENWICK ISLAND, DELAWARE

Minutes of the May 26, 2016, Ad *hoc* Election Committee Meeting

Call to Order and Flag Salute at 9:35 a.m. by Chair Lee

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

Absent: Mary Wright

Staff in Attendance: Town Clerk Poole

Motion: Motion made to approve the minutes – Lisa Benn

Second: Vicki Carmean

Discussion: None

Vote: (4-0)

- Voters Registration and Voter Role Update
 - Out of 817 properties, commercial and well as residential, 443 properties records have registered voters. Some deceased property owners have been identified as well as registered properties with no assigned voter. Voter Role will be admitted to Council for approval at the May 27th Council meeting.
- Website Voter Information and Website Review
 - New website is up and running showing all the rack cards. Working on having all the information listed under the Government Section, Candidate and Voters Information. Would like the town to consider adding a separate Voters tab.
- Voters Election Information Comparison and Recommendations
 - Chair Lee presented a draft letter to committee for review to present to Charter and Ordinance in request to change the voting to for make renters not eligible to vote and make spouse of non-residents, non-entities be able to vote. The committee had previously discussed trusts and LLCs more than just a trust. A letter was present dated 2003, addressing the non-resident trusts. A non-resident trust (non-business), spouses of trustees were able to vote. Also, at this time LLCs and Corporations were not allowed any vote at all. When the change was made and the LLCs and Corporations and those entities were given a vote, that's when the trusts were given one vote. If you're a full time resident both owners were allowed to vote.
 - Vicki Carmean stated that she was in favor of eliminate renter category for a vote but the renter has the right to vote in a state or country election. When it comes to a town election for council members basically the renter has no stake in the town, the property. None property owner should not be allowed to vote.
 - Committee member continued discussions on wording to present to Charter and Ordinance Committee.

- Document that will be presented to Charter & Ordinance will be read at the council meeting to be entered into the permanent record.

Next meeting: TBD

Motion to adjourn: Lisa Benn Second: Vicki Carmean

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

**Transcribed by Linda Poole, Town Clerk*