Town of Shirley Board of Registrars Meeting Minutes Sept 26, 2014

Bob Huxley, Amy McDougall, Carolynn K. Tohline and James Yocum were present. Warden John Tohline was absent. The meeting took place at the Town Offices, 7 Keady Way.

The meeting began at 12:00pm.

Recent presentations on vote tabulating machines by LHS (Dominion Image Cast) and ES&S (DS200) were discussed. The board felt that either machine would be acceptable. Amy expressed her leanings toward the Image Cast from Dominion. The ongoing costs were less, the customer service had been extraordinary during the quote process, whereas ES&S's had not; and the smaller the display screen afforded more privacy for the voters. The board felt that it was her decision to make.

Reviewed costs and effect on elections budget and process going forward Election. Costs would be higher than without the tabulator, but the efficiencies before the election and on election day were significant. The tallying process would not be dependent upon scheduling enough counters, which can be a challenge with a large voter turnout. Tallying would be done much earlier in the night as well.

There would be an article on the warrant for Nov 10 special town meeting to purchase one of the machines.

The meeting ended at 1:00pm

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Respectfully submitted,

Amy McDougall

Clerk of the Board of Registrars

Approved by the Board on Oct 76, 7015