

## **June 8,2023 Precinct 8 Reorganization Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: George McKay, Chair, Don Williams, Vice Chair, Geri Williams, Clerk, Jeannette McKay, Karen Macdonald, Sybil Holland, Terry McKenna, Mary Tincher and Jamie Grillo via zoom

Chairman George McKay called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Karen lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

George asked if the newly elected members had been sworn in. Karen and Sybil had, Mary still needed to get into Town Hall to be sworn in, but assured that she would in the coming week.

Terry made the motion to accept the minutes of the April 13 Precinct 8 meeting,

Karen seconded the motion and all voted to approve.

Geri will send the approved minutes to the Town Clerk.

**Reorganization:** Don Williams made a motion to nominate George McKay as Precinct Chair for the coming year. Terry McKenna seconded the motion. George accepted the nomination. All voted their approval, stating their thanks for a great job leading the Precinct.

George McKay nominated Don Williams for Vice Chair. Terry McKenna seconded. Don accepted the nomination and stated he and George would share the responsibility for attending COPC monthly meetings as they did this past year. All voted their approval. Don asked for a volunteer to accept the clerk position, after a short discussion Don nominated Jamie Grillo as Precinct 8 Clerk. Jeannette McKay seconded. Jamie accepted the nomination and all voted their approval.

**Old Business:** George discussed the recent election results. He passed out a spread sheet with voter turnout results and comparison of percentage of town wide voters and turnout in precincts 8, 9 and 10, as well as those in recent elections. He stated that overall only 15.42% of registered voters voted in the election and in precinct 8 only 12.62% voted, better than Precinct 9, but less than Precinct 10. Sybil stated her surprise that turnout was so low with all the informational meetings about the revised charter and several candidate nights, as well as many mailings. All expressed disappointment too.

George asked for reasons members thought so few eligible voters bothered to vote in local elections noting that the turnout for recent National elections were 79% and 77%.

**New Business:** George asked each Precinct 8 Town Meeting Member to think of ways to improve voter turnout and to email these suggestions to all. Geri said she would ask everyone to 'reply to all' with their ideas when she sends out the draft minutes of the meeting.

Jeannette made the motion to adjourn at 6:25pm, seconded by Karen, all agreed.

Submitted by Geri Williams