

Minutes
Leyden Board of Registrars
Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Leyden Town Offices – 7 Brattleboro Road

Present: Chair Martha Hopewell, Pamela Brown, Albert Woodhull, Paul McLatchy III
(Town Clerk)

Audience of
Citizens: None

Summary of Motions:

- Board voted 4-0-0 to elect Martha Hopewell as chair.
- Board voted 4-0-0 to authorize the use of signature stamps.
- Board voted 4-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 PM.

Call to Order: In the absence of a chair, the meeting was called to order by Mr. McLatchy at 6:05 PM, a quorum of the Board present.

Election of Chair: Due to the lack of chair, one needed to be elected. State law prohibits the Town Clerk from serving as chair.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Woodhull and seconded by Mr. McLatchy that Martha Hopewell be chair. With no further nominations, the motion was unanimous (4-0-0) in favor.

Petition Review: A slew of petitions have been submitted to the registrars for certification:

Petition A- Authorize the Auditor to audit the legislature: Eleven (11) valid signatures were certified.

Petition B- Eliminate MCAS: Ten (10) valid signatures were certified.

Petition C- Drivers Unions: Four (4) valid signatures were certified.

Petition D- Minimum Wage for Tipped Workers: Six (6) valid signatures were certified.

Petition G- Voter Identification: Seventeen (17) valid signatures were certified.

Petition L- Psychedelic Substances: Forty-four (44) valid signatures were certified.

Petition N- Rideshare Employees: Fourteen (14) valid signatures were certified.

Petition O- Rideshare Employees: Eleven (11) valid signatures were certified.

Petition P- Rideshare Employees: Twelve (12) valid signatures were certified.

Petition Q- Rideshare Employees: Eleven (11) valid signatures were certified.

Petition R- Rideshare Employees: Ten (10) valid signatures were certified.

Signature Stamps: After the petition papers were all signed, Mr. McLatchy asked registrars how they felt about utilizing signature stamps moving forward. These are permissible under state law, but the registrars must first vote to authorize their use. Members expressed interest in continuing to meet but would be comfortable using stampers as well.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ms. Brown and seconded by Chair Hopewell to authorize the use of signature stamps. The vote was unanimous (4-0-0) in favor.

Adjourn: With no further business:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. McLatchy and seconded by Ms. Brown to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous (4-0-0) in favor, and the meeting was closed at 7:01 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Paul McLatchy III
Town Clerk & Registrar of Voters*

Approved: April 24, 2024