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CITY OF WATERTOWN
Board of Election Commissioners
April 4, 2023

Present: Commissioners Adam Brewster, Christopher Dunn, Jonathan Hecht and Eugene Slaven; City Clerk & Chief Election Officer Janet M. Murphy, and Election Clerk Stephen Addonizio

5:30 PM: Chair Christopher Dunn made a motion to enter into Executive Session; motion was seconded and approved.

Agenda

Ms. Murphy presented a case involving a voter suspected of being registered to vote at an address where he no longer resides. A detailed explanation of the facts and supporting documents—including Ms. Murphy’s written complaint to the voter sent on March 28—were shared with the Commissioners.

Ms. Murphy outlined two possible courses of actions for the Board: 1. Issue a summons to the voter alleging that he is incorrectly registered to vote and requiring him to appear before the Board to present his case or 2. Request that the WPD initiate a formal investigation into the voter’s residence.

Mr. Hecht proposed a third option: he would reach out to the voter’s family members through a mutual contact to try to gather additional information about the voter’s correct residence.

Following a brief discussion, all present agreed this was the best course of action, after which Mr. Brewster motioned to postpone any decision until more information had surfaced—either via Mr. Hecht’s informal investigation or the voter’s response to Ms. Murphy’s March 28th letter.

The Board unanimously approved the motion agreeing to reconvene in May to discuss further action.

6:30 PM: Motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.

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