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From: Maureen Pehush <PehushM@ramapo-ny.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2014 3:05 PM
To: 'deb@welcomedriver.com'
Subject: RE: FOIL Request - Ward Election resolution

Deborah

The Town is following the Board of Elections process. There is no provision for requesting absentee ballots via email. An *Application for an Absentee Ballot* must be completed, signed and submitted. I have been taking names, addresses & phone #s from anyone who has called asking for the application. I will print that list by end of day today so the Town Clerk staff has it in my absence so when the Application is available it can be sent out. The Resolution states the *Application* must be received by the Town Clerk not less than 7 days in advance of the Special Election, if the ballot is to be mailed, or not less than one day in advance if the ballot is being picked up at the Town Clerk's office. The Resolution states eligible voters may register to vote at the Rockland County Board of Elections on or before September 23rd. I'm not sure when the BOE will have the final books ready, I know they are working on them. Please direct anymore questions, concerns to Chris so they can be addressed in my absence.

Maureen

From: Deborah Seidman-Munitz [mailto:deb@welcomedriver.com]
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2014 2:10 PM
To: Maureen Pehush
Cc: Chris Sampson
Subject: RE: FOIL Request - Ward Election resolution

Oh wow!! Congratulations!!

I fleetingly glanced at the resolution. I see that there will be absentee ballots. I will need one for my son in college. It doesn't answer all the logistical questions regarding requesting absentee ballots. Since I am of that age group I have a lot of friends asking me about this.

Can you take request for absentee ballots by be email as long as all the material questions are answered? Logistically that would make the most sense. A quick form could be set up to handle this and I would be willing to help with that. I think that if there was a place that people could fill out a request form that would dump all the information into a spreadsheet or .csv file then when the day comes to generate the mailing of the ballots it could be readily accomplished in a simple mail merge.

Considering the nature of the ballot being only 2 questions I could even imagine a ballot being made that could be distributed in .pdf form. In order for a recipient to be able to use the ballot they would have to include a control number on the ballot that could be sent out by the town which allows the town time to check the voter registration role and to account for that person not showing up to the polls. The goal should be to create a process that is fair, open and easy for the town to administer and for students and people who will be away to use.

I am good about working out procedures like that which incorporate technology and that might be a good area for me to volunteer.

Also what about voter registration? When is the last day voters can register? And where? With the BOE? As of the 10th? The key here is when will the BOE deliver the final rolls/"phone books" to the town for the polls.

While there is no meeting planned now, can we have one?

I will call Chris with any suggestions. I was sincere about my offer to help. Judge Garvey really blew this with the dates. It should have been on the General Election. Better for everyone involved.

Have the best time next week.

Deb
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From: Maureen Pehush [<mailto:PehushM@ramapo-ny.gov>]
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To: 'deb@welcomedriver.com'
Subject: RE: FOIL Request - Ward Election resolution

Deborah

Please see attached Resolution No. 2014-357 -Ward Referendum, as requested. I believe it answers your questions below. Schedule "A" is not yet attached as the Town Clerk's office is still working on getting confirmation on the availability of the normal polling locations sites. Town Clerk Christian Sampson oversees this special election. There is no planned meeting being held by the Town.

I forwarded your offer to volunteer your time and your contact info to the Town Clerk. You can contact Mr. Sampson via phone (845) 357-5100 x263, or email sampsonc@ramapo.org, he is open to your suggestions.

FYI, I will be out of the office Monday, September 8th thru Tuesday, September 16th. I will be returning on Wednesday the 17th. My daughter's getting married!!!

Maureen

From: Deborah Seidman-Munitz [<mailto:deb@welcomedriver.com>]
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Subject: FW: FOIL Request - Ward Election resolution

I spoke with the RC BOE yesterday so I know you guys are working on the answers to these questions. If your office needs any operational help with planning and holding the election I want to offer my time on a volunteer basis. Please let me know when you believe you will have an answers. I have suggestions on a couple of the items.

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From: Deborah Seidman-Munitz [<mailto:deb@welcomedriver.com>]
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To: Maureen Pehush - ToR FOIL (PehushM@ramapo-ny.gov)
Subject: FOIL Request - Ward Election resolution

Maureen,

I know the election is going to be on the 30th as you confirmed. (Someone who get the Journal News even pointed out it was in the paper.) But where can I get the details of the election? Are there logistical details in the resolution that you were typing up? I would like to get an electronic copy of that resolution as soon as it's done.

I am looking for the answers to the following questions. If these questions are not answered/addressed in the resolution then can your office answer them since I understand that the town clerk deals with this type of special election?

1. Where will the polls be? Normal polling locations or other?
2. When will the polls be open?
3. What is the last date for someone to register to vote for the election?
4. How does one arrange to get an absentee ballot?
5. What are the rules for sending in an absentee ballot?
6. Who is overseeing the polls? In a general election the BOE has a process for poll volunteers and poll watchers. What will the process be for this election.
7. Will there be any meeting held by the Town to educate the public on the election? Where? When?

As always, thank you for your help in obtaining this information,

Deb

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