

## VOTER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

### Minutes

Brooks Free Library, 739 Main Street

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

5:00 pm

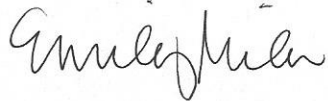
Approved 10/23/2019

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Joyce called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm. In attendance were Ms. Rose, Ms. Groswald and Ms. Milan. There were no absences.
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment at this meeting.
- III. COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION: Ms. Rose made a motion to nominate Ms. Joyce to serve as Chair. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Groswald and passed unanimously. Ms. Groswald made a motion to nominate Ms. Milan to serve as Clerk. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Rose and passed unanimously.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
  1. Approve Minutes: Ms. Rose made a motion to approve the minutes of June 12, 2019. Ms. Joyce seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
  2. VIC Vacancy Recruiting: Ms. Joyce informed members that she announced the VIC vacancy during her annual update to the Board of Selectmen earlier this month. Ms. Milan also mentioned that she would share the vacancy notices with members of the MRMS School Council who might be interested in joining a town committee.
  3. Civic Engagement Programing with BFL
    - a. Topics- Members of the committee discussed possible topics for winter programming in conjunction with Brooks Free Library. The group reviewed the Town of Harwich organizational chart in order to determine how to best group departments. There was a brief discussion of what departments and issues to address first.
    - b. Schedule- A brief discussion of when best to schedule a series of events resulted in the decision to schedule the events for the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 2pm. The series will run January through March with the possibility of a one-off program in November.
    - c. Engaging Department heads- An outline of the series along with a sample list of questions will be developed before approaching town leaders to schedule participation in the series.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
  1. Other plans for 2019-2020- It was discussed that standard VIC programs would resume in April and May and will likely include the following: Candidates Forum, Town Warrant Review, and the Financial State of Harwich.

2. Ms. Rose shared a recent article on Millennial views of Town meeting.
3. Ms. Groswald suggested a program on why community members should run for office or serve. The group agreed that it is very much in line with the charge of the committee to encourage participation in local government.

VI. ADJOURN: There being no other business Ms. Groswald made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Milan seconded. Ms. Joyce adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Emily Milan".

Emily Milan  
Clerk