

VOTER INFORMATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Harwich Community Center, 100 Oak Street – Play Room
Wednesday, April 17, 2019 5:00 PM
Approved 6/12/2019

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:05pm. Present were: Christina Joyce, Peg Rose and Pam Groswald. Absent was Emily Milan.
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.
- III. **OLD BUSINESS**
 1. **Approve minutes:** *Ms. Groswald made three separate motions to approved the minutes from February 20 March 26 and April 8, 2019 and Peg Rose seconded the motions. The vote to approve was unanimous.*
 2. **Programming - updates:**
 - a. **Town Meeting 101-** P Groswald; The committee briefly discussed if this topic would be a good fit into our partnership with Brooks Free Library on Civic Engagement.
 - b. **VIC Web Page:** The committee reviewed the updating by Emily Milan on our town web page: Links to all VIC's videotaped programs including our two latest – Financial State of Harwich and Municipal Finance 101; Committee Vacancies; MA Secretary of State's "Guide to Town Meeting;" Selectmen's Committee Handbook. Also included are VIC's upcoming programs.
 - c. **Pre-Town Meeting** – The committee completed final logistics for this April 22 program.
 - d. **Candidates' Forums** – Candidates for Selectmen and School Committee have agreed to the LWV of Cape Cod moderated forum. Of those candidates running unopposed, only Tina Games has agreed to the VIC interview.
 - e. **Financial State** – The committee discussed the April 8 program led by Pam Groswald. Panelists were well prepared; Channel 18 taped and has broadcast the program numerous times.
 - f. **Civic Engagement, Town Finance 101** – The members discussed the success of the program lead by Carol Coppola, Harwich Finance Director. Approximately 26 people were in attendance. The venue at Brooks Free Library was excellent.
 3. **VIC Vacancy Recruiting** – no change to date.

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IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Future Civic Engagement programming with Brooks Free Library**
– will discuss with Ginny Hewitt future topics.

- V. **OTHER** – The committee discussed changing the May meeting date and will survey via email for a good date.

- VI. **ADJOURN** – The chair adjourned the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Christina Joyce, Chair

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