

Hartford County ROVAC Minutes - September 13, 2016

Chairperson Darlene Burrell called the meeting to order at 9:30 am, and thanked our hosts, Marie Fox and Linda Cultrera for providing us with a central meeting space. The agenda was distributed, and a sign in sheet (for tracking education hours for certification.)

Darlene began the meeting by answering a common question, what can we do with voters who are wearing slogans that do not mention a party or candidate, for example "Make America great again" and "I'm with her"? Is it allowed on clothing, hats, etc. if someone comes into the polls with those? The answer is yes, for now, the current interpretation is they will be allowed. If it is something other than that it would be decided on an individual basis as they are brought to SOTS, but for those two slogans the presumption is the same laws that allowed wrestling items would apply.

Hartford County Meeting was recessed for our guest speaker at 9:35 am.

Guest Speaker: Ted Bromley, SOTS Attorney

New CVRS - DMV upgrades We sent out a handout for the new DMV upgrades, today we will cover the highlights and then take questions. The new DMV upgrades that we put into CVRS include both what the Department of Justice told us we had to and some Tumbleweed upgrades which we wanted to get in. We are still working on some data issues from DMV, but as we move forward, we are getting more efficient.

There are two new DMV buckets on the Reminders page. The New DMV voter registrations sounds like it is just brand new people. For the most part it is new people who agree to get registered when they at the DMV. So the DMV transfers the information that was already provided for the Driver's License and moves that over to a watered down version of the online voter registration. The voter is then asked for two additional pieces of information, political party and phone number. Then it is packed off and sent to your offices electronically with the voter's electronic signature. Many of you have noticed that when you go in the morning, process all the new voters, then you get back from lunch, and you find more voters. This is because there are two additional ways that someone can get into that new registration bucket. The first is when the old town gets a record from Tumbleweed that says someone is moving out of their town, but that voter, when they got their Driver's License, also said that they would like to register in their new town. So for the DMV moving between towns is two separate transactions - the move from the old town and the move to a new town. So there a few things that we built into this upgrade to avoid duplication, simply because we know the way all of our towns work. Some of you come in less regularly than others, not passing judgment - it is just a fact, especially in smaller towns. We want to avoid the transaction where the town that a voter is coming off of, which is only in a few times of the month, paired with the towns that are there everyday. The worst thing in the world would be for the voter to get added immediately to a big town like Hartford, but the voter who moves from a small town like Union, which is only in a few times a month, is not taken off in Union. We don't want a voter added as completely new in one town but left in their old town because their old town record hasn't been moved to off yet. There is more to the moving off transaction that needs to get done. The moving off is required from the old town (to be done in the change bucket) before the new record appears in the new town's new voter bucket first because you still need to send that special letter notifying the voter that they have been moved off and let the registrars know immediately if this is not correct- this is required. This gives the voter the right to ask you to correct it if this isn't their intent. You would lose all of that protection as a voter in this scenario if we don't send that letter. So this is a protection that is built into this new system. The town that a voter is moving off of must move them off before their new registration transaction is triggered and then they appear in the the new town's new voter bucket. It forces the town to move the voter off, appropriately, and forces the town to provide the voter with that DMV letter - which is technically federal law. But in addition, only after the voter is moved off will the new town get the opportunity to process the new voter registration transaction. This guarantees there is no

duplicate. So when the old town processes the off, that triggers the new registration to be sent to the new town midday.

The second way for transactions to get to your new voter bucket is similar. We have three categories of Tumbleweed: moves within town, moves out of town and unregistered voters, whom you previously could ignore. Another way to get a voter to automatically generate in your inbox of new voters would be the situation, (and we try to think of every single scenario, so your feedback is great) where in the old system you would be notified of a DMV address change, but they were unregistered. So you where you looked the voter up, found no registration, you would bypass that voter in the old system, now you will need to use the “no action required” button. There is also the scenario where a voter moves out of town, they are not registered in the old town, but they register to vote somewhere else. Now when these unregistered voters move out of your town, and choose to register at the DMV in a new town, they will appear on your reminder page, just like they did with the old Tumbleweed system. These unregistered voters require action, using the “no action required” button, to trigger the new town transaction to be sent. So it is really important to hit the “no transaction required”, because it will do two things. First it clears out the tumbleweed (change bucket) record. If you don’t, they will just mass up and keep collecting. Two it avoids any potential duplicates. The more we make these processes electronic, the greater the risk of creating duplicates. Some people would be accepting people banging them out quickly and not doing a thorough statewide search, and that really allows duplicates to mass up. While the DMV sends the files only once per day, usually at 2:00 in the morning, so new registration records will appear in your new bucket during the day as towns process those out of town moves throughout the day. So there are three ways new voters get into the new DMV bucket: brand new voters, moves within the state but new to your town, and unregistered voters who changed their driver’s license when moving within the state. The second DMV bucket is changes, and it is really just an electronic version of the tumbleweed file that you used to get. You no longer need to go to a separate website or your Assessor’s office to access this information. This bucket contains the DMV changes of people moving within your town and out of your town. For both buckets it will take you to a compare screens, where there is mostly mirrored information similar to the online system but there are a few issues. So from the Reminder screen, you go to a comparison screen and then into CVRS to complete the transaction. When you move a voter to off because they are moving out of town, you still are required to send the moving out of town letter, as it is still required by the Department of Justice. By the way, I asked to get that eliminated but the Department of Justice said no, it is still required. You could also have a “no action required” voter, I want to make sure you know that we now have an additional option in Tumbleweed to do a more advanced statewide search from that screen. The system does a basic search for you but it doesn’t always catch duplicates. When I was working with a group of Registrars to test it, I noticed how difficult it was to go back to the inquiry screen and then back to the reminder page. The basic, automatic search that pops up does not always catch matches for former names, addresses etc. So there is now a button to go directly to a state search screen that is prepopulated for you. You can do, for example, a first name and date of birth search statewide. So you now have some additional functionality to decide if the voter is in CVRS, up to you to use it. The nice voter letter was requested by some Registrars, it is not required, and it is designed to be used with your letterhead and we tried to design it to fit in a windowed envelope. But that is optional, you do not need to do that. Some towns have always used the tumbleweed lists to send letters to unregistered voters to invite them to register, but it is just a tool, you do not have to use it.

There are two big issues with the data transfer. Within Tumbleweed the DMV address is not pre-populated, just highlighted above the box. The reason for that is the information that comes from the DMV uses a different database with a more limited, 20 character space for addresses, thus it is not consistent with what we have in the CVR address data. So we left it for you to fill in a complete address and not let the system guess what matched. So the basic information generally matches, but sometimes that type out full addresses, sometimes they abbreviate. They do not have as robust an address system as CVRS. Their limited character

space doesn't separate out unit information because they are squeezing it in. If you have a long address, street names must be abbreviated. We do not want the computer to guess what matches our CVRS data base, you get to choose from your drop down street list. The second issue as the result of recent change we made is an issue with the political party affiliation, we are aware and working on it now. One of our immediate fixes was to reproduce the party affiliation in some circumstances, and to have the data highlighted above in some circumstances, not pre-populated. This is because the DMV's policy was to give us whatever party information that the voter fills out, inviting the possibility of misspelled party names being construed as new political parties by CVRS. So if a voter misspells for example, Republikan, the DMV will not correct it, that is their policy. Our system in this circumstance is not smart enough to know we do not mean a new party, so you would end up with a whole bunch of new parties in your drop down box. We don't want that, and Steve does his best to go through occasionally and correct and clean up those obvious misspelled party names. So rather than let the system make new parties, it is highlighted above. We also had some problems with abbreviations that conflicted with the data base. Hopefully this is working slightly better than it was before, but we know we still have issues with prepopulation on the card. A few other items that we are clearing up. We corrected the old mailing address being automatically transferred to the new town, as they may not be appropriate, so we fixed that. We still have a data issue with the DMV not separating out the apartment / unit numbers. That is a top priority for us. I would ask if you have relevant examples, the DMV has requested examples, of mailing address issues where the mail was returned back to you. If you could forward a few of those along to us, instances where the unit number was not being broken out so the letter bounced back, that would be helpful. We need to know how to parse out that unit information in an appropriate way so that it can be sent correctly. So those are just a few of the things that Steve and I are working on with the vendor.

Q. What is going to happen if DMV registrations are delayed because the old town hasn't moved the voter to off or hit the "no action required" button, so the record is received by the new town after the voter registration deadline?

A. So for example, if Union doesn't move your new voter to off, and it misses the deadline. All the voter registration records will have a time stamp upon receipt, so you will know when you get it. We will pass the record to you appropriately. So if we get one that is received after the deadline, we will not transfer records before the Election that are not eligible, but if the postmark or time stamp was within the window we will send them to you.

Q. What happens if the old town doesn't process the voter to off?

A. There is nothing we can do, which is why I am going to every county to explain how important that you all understand you need to move the voters in the change bucket. To off if they were registered and "no action required" if they were not. It would be great if you would remind each other of it as well - it is really important to process them all by the deadline, just like online voter registrations.

Q. We had a letter returned by the Post Office because the voter's old mailing address was automatically transferred to the new record - when is this going to be fixed? I had to manually go in to fix it.

A. Yes, as I just said we worked on this last week, so it should not happen any more. We should have pushed the last of it over recently. Let us know if you get another one.

Q. Regarding party affiliation, even though the voter is warned that they need to fill it out, we are getting hundreds of applications where the box is left blank. Is there a conversation somewhere with DMV to make it mandatory to check a box or make that piece bigger or to otherwise warn the voter that they are losing their party affiliation? One woman yesterday threatened to call the FBI because we sent her a letter that said she was unaffiliated. She thought the Russians had hacked her voter registration. So we now have people going online and changing back after they get their letters.

A. I don't know that there is anything on the horizon to do that, but we can certainly ask the DMV if they can make it bigger on their form. The larger problem is that most people don't know their current party affiliation. When the DMV asks, they just don't know.

Q. Hasn't that been corrected - doesn't the system maintain the party if it is left blank by DMV?

A. In some instances.

Q. Isn't it required to move a voter to unaffiliated if they leave the box blank, even if the system leaves the party in the record?

A. This is a very interesting issue. We had a group of 9 Registrars, and I won't identify them by name, but this was a group of 9 Registrars and we talked about this very issue and all 9 of them had a different answer. So we left it the way it was, because some of them said, that if it is a move within town, they leave them in the party even if their card is not populated. Others said they would move them to unaffiliated. So we are leaving it exactly the way it is. Because if I make a change then I will get in trouble by some Registrars. So I leave it to you guys, how do you normally handle it. And what I always say is if you get a new paper registration in the mail that someone was changing their address from within your town and they left the party affiliation blank, what do you normally do with it? Some say keep it, some say change it only if they checked that as the change reason.

Q. Isn't the interpretation, per Mary Young, that we must leave them in their party unless requested, if they checked only the address change box?

A. This is my point, there isn't agreement on this. So just to prove my point, show of hands what would you do if you get a card in the mail that says I, as a registered party member, am changing my address from 100 Main St to 200 Main St and I left the party box blank, how many of you would change me to unaffiliated? (Several hands raised.) How many would carry my party affiliation? (Several hands raised.) That is exactly my point.

Q. What if, just as an example, Denise Merrill lives in your town, is a registered Democrat and she were to send in a card, filled it out quickly, marked it simply as an address change, would you still change her to unaffiliated? Make her no longer a Democrat with party privilege? (Some raised hands for change, or replied yes, some replied no.)

A. So again, I have proved my point appropriately. So what we have done is we left the DMV option exactly the same. So somebody is at the DMV and just changes their address but leaves the party affiliation blank we are going to send it to you just like if you got it in the mail.

Q. What are the people at the DMV and AAA asking? We had some voters who were concerned they were no longer registered because of how it was presented to them at the AAA office.

A. The AAA and DMV receive more training on this than you do, believe it or not. But the DMV is very rigid on this issue, when it comes to this kind of stuff. There is very little interaction with the voter, at all. The voter is asked if they would like to register or update their voter registration. If someone says yes then they are printed off a document that they are asked to review for correctness and then sign. If they say no then they are printed off a document that they are asked to sign which says that they refused the opportunity to register or update with the office at this time. The only reason that they need this is the Department Of Justice is making them turn them in because they haven't been doing it since 1993 when they were supposed to with the NVRA. Social services has had to do the declination paperwork for twenty years, which they keep on file.

Q. Can we get a copy of this paper when we have a voter who insists we have them in wrong?

A. Yes, we can go back to the DMV, as they are required to keep the copies. We can put a request together for you and send it in.

Q. Doesn't the voter get a paper copy from the DMV with their party affiliation or unaffiliated printed on it?

A. Yes, they do. There is an opportunity to change and correct it at the DMV after they receive the receipt. That is one of the things that we are stuck on the party affiliation issue: One, we have differences of opinions even among the Registrars and Two, you are right the voter is actually given a receipt that they had to sign for correctness. There are only two choices that the voter makes when registering to vote at DMV: their party and their phone number. Everything else is pre-populated from the information given on their Driver's License: name, address, date of birth, gender. All of that is on the paper that they put in front of you, and there are only two boxes to fill out: party enrollment and telephone number.

They fill that in and the DMV gives them a receipt and asks is this correct and then it must be signed.

That is my understanding of how it works, but I have not done it there, I always go to the AAA anyways.

Q. When a voter moves to another town, how can you keep their party affiliation without a signature, you won't have any proof that they are a party member?

A. No, that is a completely different, totally different set of facts as far as I am concerned. So my previous question was specifically about moves within town, they are not brand new registrations. If voter is moving from one town to another then that is a brand new registration to your town, and at that point, in my opinion, the party affiliation is reset. So generally speaking when people move from one town to another want to remain in the same party, but I have seen it where they have changed. In that regard, I don't think I would unilaterally, blindly pull the party affiliation over. If they did not fill it out, you can't assume it transfers.

Q. Why does the party prepopulate some times when you are processing a registration from another town when it is a DMV, even when the card we print out doesn't show the party? This does not happen with online registrations.

A. Well you would look, because in either case you would print the application first. If you see on the printed application that it does not have a party printed then it means that the voter did not give a party affiliation.

Q. But doesn't the paper the voter is shown show the party they are already in, so they left the box blank because they didn't need to change?

A. I would not make that bold assumption. Going forward, I would not make that assumption.

Q. If you put them in as unaffiliated, the voter can change right away, but if you put them in a major party there is a three month waiting period.

A. So the first question was about someone who moves within town, do you keep their party affiliation. The second questions was moving from one town to another, and they left party affiliation blank. And what I am saying is that I would not make the same assumption of moving within town as I would moving out of town. The party affiliation needs to be reset, the three month waiting period does not apply. I would not make that same bold assumption.

Q. But when the party is prepopulated, why wouldn't you carry over the party affiliation? It works for online for registrations. This seems to be a glitch in the DMV system.

A. No this is not a glitch in the system. The card is populated with whatever information the voter gave to the DMV, so what I would do is I would always print the card first. When you print the card out first, they you treat it like you got it in the mail. What would you do if this came in the mail? Online applications are different from DMV, we force the voter to make a choice in an online registration. So for online applications the voter has made an affirmative choice for each box of the application. When you print a DMV registration card and something is missing, it is because the voter did not give that information.

Q. But when the CVRS system shows their party affiliation, why would you change them out of it? With the DMV, the system has simply neglected to print their party affiliation.

A. I understand what you are saying but this is one of the problems with making things electronic. If you get a card in the mail, that says I am moving from my town to your town and I left the party affiliation blank then the CVRS system would pre-populate my party affiliation too. But what would you do with it?

Q. Yes, I would leave your party affiliation alone.

A. I would not do that. I would change it to unaffiliated, absolutely. So just to be clear, this is a new registration, I am moving from one town to another. This new town does not know me for nothing. In this case I am a brand new application in your town. So I am not checking change party, I am checking new application at the top.

Q. But if the voter has checked the box "address change" when they move to a new town why would you presume they want to move to unaffiliated? When I pull up their record, the party pre-populates.

A. This is the problem with making things electronic. If I move to your town from Hebron and left that party space blank on the card, yes electronically the party will pre-populate, but if you are looking at the printed copy of the registration card and it is blank, I would advise you to move me to unaffiliated when processing it, absolutely. When it is a new town, you need a signature attesting to party affiliation. Is there anybody who disagrees with me? (General consensus from the audience.)

Q. When this system was being created, wasn't there an attempt to let the voters fill it out by checking a box just like online?

A. It will be but right now we had to make this change in a compressed time period. The DMV was required to act swiftly by the DOJ so this is what we have. What the DMV is planning is an upgrade, their intent is to have little kiosks for voters to fill it out electronically. So if you are already registered, your old registration will come up. That is the plan, the current system is temporary.

Q. What happens when a voter is already off in their old town, why do we have to wait for the old town to sign off with the no action button?

A. Great question, so that is one of the little idiosyncrasies that we discovered. So the question is what happens if prior to the DMV, you already got notice and moved a voter off, such as during a canvass? We are working on that right now, because that is one that we did not think of. We are either going to add a new button, or perhaps what I believe will work now is to make no changes when you call that voter up, just hit the accept button.

Q. So do you mean "no action required" button?

A. No, just the accept to take off. I do not know if the "no action required" will work.

Q. We tested that, and think it worked.

A. So you can try the "no action required", just do me a favor, and see if that works. Otherwise we will work on adding another button for that scenario.

Q. What do you do when the DMV system says one old town, but CVRS has the registration in another old town?

A. For that one, there is no way that we can figure out on how to program for the three town scenario, so the only way to deal with the triple town is you will have to go old school, call each other, just like you would treat is as you would a mailed in application. Call to confirm the CVRS match.

Q. When does the DMV ask about voter registration? They missed asking when I registered new license plates.

A. DMV is only required to ask about voter registration for new driver licenses and renewals. It is not required by the NVRA for vehicle registrations, renewals or boat stuff.

Q. The online system is capturing the email addresses on that first page, is there a place where we can go to find those?

A. No, we are hesitant to collect the email addresses right now but it is something that we are considering. They are captured for two reasons, one is that the system is able to send an immediate follow up email to thank them for registering and to remind the voter they must mail in the form, this is done automatically, but we also want to build something in the system that will check if they haven't been processed yet, so that we send another second notice after a month reminding them to mail in the form. So that is what it is there for, but if we collected them as a data field, they would FOI able, so a decision was made when we designed it to not collect this information.

Q. Can you please ask Denise Merrill to shut down the online registrations and DMV on Election day? Just yesterday we were nearly down at 12:00 pm, the system runs so slow during a stress test and keeps kicking us off. CVRS is going to go down if you have the online registrations added to the workload. In August the system was down for three days. Is it a law that we have to do online on Election Day? Please take it off, we have EDR.

A. This is an issue that the Technology committee is addressing. One of the things we plan to do is a stress test on Tuesday, Sept 27th from 10:00 to 11:00 am. SOTS will be ensuring that CVRS is up and running for the Election and have found some things in August that were not running right on the

mainframe and they have been corrected. We are concerned about the capacity of the system and we want to ensure that it is up and running for you. Another question is should the online system be taken down the week prior to the Election, as well as the DMV, as we have done in the past. We would only be passing along applications that met the 7 day deadline. Of course the problem with that is when we restart sending, it will be six days larger than if we sent it every day. So the Technology committee will be surveying on this issue, thus far we have had a mixed response, so far some have said yes take it down and some have said no, we can figure out which applications are valid. So we will leave it up to you, the Registrars, because there is nothing in the law that requires it to be either way.. We have taken it down in the past to protect voters from themselves. ROVAC plans to survey its membership. Our original plan was to take it down for the six days, but whether we do that depends on what decision you make. The stress test will try to recreate Election Day usage to ensure the system can handle it. We want to make sure that when other agencies are running something, such as a major report on Tuesdays, it won't conflict with the Election and voter registrations.

Q. On Election Day, how will the voter know to come to EDR locations?

A. Last year a message let voters know about EDR when they used the online system on Election Day. This was a change in the law that allows Registrars to use the online system for EDR, so that you could have a kiosk situation where voters who are waiting to register can enter their own information on a laptop. That way when they get to the front of the line, they can be checked in quickly. This was up and running last year, we will do the exact same thing this year.

Q. How are the DMV registrations dated in the situation where the old town is slow to process?

A. When I said postmarked per the DMV this means that you are getting the signature date. So we are capturing the date and the time, when they were in the DMV office completing their registration. Just like a paper record you received with a date stamp that is within the window, if the electronic copy is within the window, it will be clear.

Q. So what is the process when we see the registration missed the deadline? Would the missed the deadline registrations go to the back of the list, with 17s, like we did with those who didn't have party privilege for the primary.

A. No, you would treat the online and DMV registrations the same as paper, setting them aside if they missed the deadline just as you would if the postmark deadline was missed. You would not process them. This is the question for ROVAC, do you want to leave the system up and running, so we pass them along to you, so you can see what is in the queue that missed the deadline or should we hold off on sending the late registrations electronically and give them to you later?

Q. Is the DMV format the same as the CVRS format?

A. Yes, it is not identical but it is the same information. The form doesn't look the same, but the information is the same.

Q. What is the timeframe to receive the applications online after the deadline?

A. Online and DMV registrations will be sent overnight, you should have them the next morning.

Q. We were wondering about the DMV process, we had a voter come into our office with a receipt, but it still had not appeared in the online system. It isn't done immediately?

A. No, the registrations are sent once per day overnight.

Q. Why did we receive a DMV voter registration from someone who is 17 and won't be 18 on Election Day?

A. This is another data problem. We know about this problem, and are working on it. While technically you should never receive a card from an ineligible voter, just set it aside and process after Election Day. Technically they should not have filled the card out at all, so that is a little aggravating, people should know when their birthday is.

Q. Will Social Services be reminded about the deadline to get those registrations in?

A. Yes, Joan Gibson is directly contacting Social Services agencies to ensure they remember to immediately pass along the cards as we approach the deadlines.

New IVS accessible equipment - Training to be held in New Britain at the Crystal Ballroom the week of October 3rd.

We did a demo at our offices for a few of you, but we will have a demonstration at the ROVAC conference as well. Hopefully you are all signed up for the training classes. It is a replacement to our old phone/fax system. It is just basically a fancy pencil, meaning that the system is a touchscreen, headphones, keypad and printer. It allows the individual to make their choices by touching the screen or listen to their choices on headphones and use a keypad, and either way to create an optical scannable ballot that is sent to the printer. It actually fills in the ovals and is identical to the other polling place ballots. So we have eliminated the phone, the phone line and the fax machine and hand counting those ballots instead of the old fax machine that had a completely different and distinguishable ballot. That is it in a nutshell, but there are a couple of great things that you will like about it. One is that the laptop will be programmed with all of your town ballots, so just like on the old system, poll workers will need to put in a ballot code to bring up the correct ballot. But each laptop is interchangeable for all of your polling places, you will not need to send a specific laptop to a particular polling place. The ballots will be preprogrammed for you by IVS, and this year the majority of the audio proofing will be done by us. We will need your help with local offices being pronounced correctly, for your local state representatives. The setup is almost identical to the phone/fax in terms of the ballot, SOTS provides the candidates, town clerks give the ballot information to LHS, who then give it to the printers, who will then give the ballots to IVS. So this should all be taken care of for you. The new bells and whistles is that this new IVS system can produce a test deck for you. This is important. It prints out 25 randomly marked ballots for you to use to test on the tabulators. So it does two things, it generates the test deck for you to test to do your logic and accuracy test, and two, by using the IVS system for your test deck you are also checking how well the printer is filling in the ovals at the same time. Not only does it create a test deck, it also prints out the predetermined results of the test deck to compare with the tape for the optical scanner test. The actual setup of the equipment is also very simple. You have two power cords for the laptop and printer, a connecting cable, headphones and a key pad. No phone line testing, no color coded wiring to match. No pre-election testing of your phone line, we got rid of that. The other thing that you will see is that the entire system is very user friendly in terms of the options, it is surprising how easy it is. Basically it is just four steps that you have to go through: ensure the computer time and date is set - nice big button; ensure your town is set - just choose from a drop down list; then print the test deck; and then if you are satisfied then set for the election and that is it.

Q. So will we need to use a different laptop to create test decks for each polling place?

A. No, you will need to set up each laptop, but if your ballot is the same for your polling places, you will only need to create one test deck. You will still need to test all of your equipment, but you can use the same test deck.

Q. So the hardware is all the same, but how can it be sent to any of your polling places? What about the ballot information when the ballots are different?

A. You are going to get one thumb drive for your town with all of the ballots for your town.

Q. So how will the machine know which ballot to use?

A. With the ballot codes that each moderator is provided with. You will need to tell your moderator what ballot code they need to use for their ballot. So for example a poll worker will type in 1678 and it will bring up the appropriate ballot on the laptop.

Q. What about the weight?

A. It does not weigh less than the old system, in fact it probably weighs a little more. The laptop is not heavy, and you are going to get delivery of the stuff in a big, rolling, hard plastic suitcase. The heavy part is the printer and the reason for that is the printer is heavy duty to accommodate a long 18", double sided ballot, and enough juice to turn over ballots in case you need to print both sides.

IVS is running the training and delivery acceptance testing of the equipment. You should have received your emailed invitation, you need to sign up. It is one central location, not ideal, Tammy called around, but after

searching for regional sites this was the best option in such a short time frame. They needed a really large space on short notice. So it is just a central location, but the training is in a ballroom. There will be 40 work stations, to with the actual equipment set up for you. You will work in teams of 2, to get hands on practice, how to set up, hook it up and how to use these new machines. We are doing the training in October to have it fresh in everyone's minds. We will do a presentation at the ROVAC conference as well. At the training each Registrar can bring one guest, a deputy or moderator. It is limited because of the size limitations and if we put more than 80 people in a room, it just doesn't work as well.

Q. The Crystal Ballroom has been renovated recently. This is a surprising choice for location as the parking situation might be limited, as the Crystal Ballroom has a small parking lot. There is additional parking along the street or across the street at the school, if the parking lot is full. There is maybe room for 30 cars.

A. Thank you for that. The SOTS website gives you detailed information on how to get there and how many spaces are left in each class, so it is very easy to sign up. There will be technical support and backup equipment provided by eight technicians, one for each of our counties, from IVS, should you have any questions on Election Day.

Q. How will the machines be delivered?

A. Tammy is calling town by town to arrange for delivery with the Registrars in larger towns, and with Town Clerks in the smaller towns with limited Registrar hours, unless the Registrars indicated otherwise. It will come from a delivery company and all of the materials will be packaged in the big padded suitcases. Each town will receive a number of sets equal to one for each polling district, plus one for EDR, and plus one backup.

Q. Do we need to use this equipment for EDR?

A. Yes, although EDR is still not technically a polling place, the DOJ was clear, every polling location, including EDR, must be equipped.

Q. What about the other equipment we used with the old system, is it being replaced?

A. All of the tables, privacy booths, extension cords and power strips that you used for the old system is still in play and will still be needed for this new system.

Q. How will we get the new ballot access codes?

A. They will be sent in a new spreadsheet from IVS once the programming is completed, just like you did with the old system, but they will be new numbers for this system.

Q. When will we get the codes?

A. I am not sure, it could be at your training, or with the delivery of your thumb drive. You will not have to wait until November, but we need to ask Tammy about that.

Q. What can we do with the old equipment?

A. Great question, and I double checked on this. Even though they were purchased with HAVA / federal funds, because they are worth less than \$5000, you are able to dispose of it as you will, so you will not need to return it to us. I would strongly encourage you to wait, just in case. I am super conservative on this, wait until we have successfully used the new equipment, don't throw it away just yet. You can donate it, or whatever.

Q. You said each town received all of this equipment, but we did not get a table, can we get a new table?

A. Oh yes, every town was sent tables for their polling places, you may not have it now, but yes we sent it to all towns. We do not have any leftover equipment, there are no more for replacements.

Q. Can this new system handle questions on the ballot?

A. Yes, just like the old telephone/fax system, it can handle yes, no questions. The questions will be read to the voter.

Q. In the old system we needed a UPS backup, do we still need a UPS battery backup?

A. No, if you have a surge protector, you might want to use it. Even if you have an extra tabulator battery backup, it is not powerful enough, this printer uses so much energy. The motor is so big, to be able to

move big sheets of paper, it uses a lot of power. Just like the old system, if your power goes out, you would just go back to offering the voter assistance. We did ask, but IVS did not think that they make a power backup which would work.

Q. What about the instruction posters, will we be getting replacements?

A. Yes, that is a great question we will have to replace them and the DVD will need an update as well. To tell you the truth, it is unlikely that we will get a DVD out in time.

Q. What are the maintenance costs and warranty?

A. The maintenance and warranty hardware we have covered including an annual inspection of the equipment. They will come out once a year to inspect the printers. We did not include the purchase of programming local referendums, so that will be a separate charge.

Q. How long will you cover the contract for?

A. We have a yearly contract and plan to pay for the first two years, after that I don't know.

Q. Can you give written permission regarding the right to dispose of the old equipment?

A. Yes, we can put something in writing for you.

Q. When the towns redistricted, did you get any UPS battery power supplies back that you can give us?

A. No, we do not have any. We no longer have any of the equipment other than one machine to demo with, all the surplus went back to LHS. LHS had some spare equipment, but you will have to contact LHS on how that works, rental or purchase.

Q. What are the costs of the equipment so that we can get it insured?

A. I asked and Tammy will be including the costs of the new equipment as well as the storage requirements with the paperwork that you will receive with the equipment.

Q. How many were purchased?

A. We have roughly 800 polling places statewide and we purchased 1100 systems.

Q. What about the laptop warranty?

A. Right now you get the manufacturer's warranty with the laptop, so whatever Dell gives you is what you get.

Q. Do we have to sign something to receive the equipment?

A. Yes, so upon delivery each town will have to accept the equipment and that will officially give it to you, then the transfer of the warranty of the equipment will go from us to you. So it is important that you sign for it.

Q. Is there something special about these laptops or can we use them in our offices?

A. It is an off the shelf laptop, but all of the administrative rights have been taken away. So basically, the cool thing is when you boot it up with the thumb drive in it, it will recognise what you need to do and will set up automatically. Once you pull the thumb drive out of the laptop, it will automatically go into Election mode. So all other administrative rights are taken away.

Q. So we can't use the laptops for anything else?

A. The object was to make it unusable for anything else.

Q. Is there anything special about the printer?

A. It is an HP Laser printer, the only thing special is the motor size. I would not recommend using it for anything else simply because it is set up specifically for ballots, for toner, etc. Technically you could, but not a good idea.

Q. You mentioned we have to boot the laptop with a thumb drive, how does this work if we only get one thumb drive per town? On the morning of the Election will we need a plan in place to boot up each machine?

A. No, so when you set up the laptops, pre-Election, you will reboot each laptop with the thumb drive in it. This automatically downloads all of the ballots. When you take the thumb drive out, the laptop is automatically in Election mode, you close it, turn it off and seal it. When it goes to the polling place, just like the tabulators, it is ready to use.

Q. So how does this work, are there going to be new forms and directions for our Moderator's Return to use?

- A. So just like there is now, you will have the same procedures to transport the equipment to the polling place. However you secure it, like sealing in the blue bins, you will treat these black suitcases just like any other secured election equipment. You will need to maintain a chain of custody for all of that, so you can just add a line to the opening paperwork with the seal numbers.
- Q. So when we put the one thumb drive in the first machine, do we have to print the test deck then?
- A. You can, each machine will give you the option to create a test deck. It is up to you to decide when you would like to do it, you could wait until you do the last machine. You will have to put the thumb drive in each machine that you use to download the ballots and set it up for the Election.
- Q. What does each town need to buy for this system? We are getting the thumb drive sent to us, our printer does the ballots, but what about extra ink for the printer?
- A. You don't really need to buy anything. The printer comes with enough ink or toner to print 18,000 pages, so you might arguably might not need to buy any for the life of the system. IVS has additional toner, so as part of the maintenance package, they could replace it for you if you need it. You get the printer, laptop and cords, nothing to buy.
- Q. What about seals?
- A. You can use the seals you are already using, for the black case, for the tabulators. Nothing extra needs to be purchased, it is going to come through as a turn key process for you. You may need to charge the laptop, but everything you need to run it will come in the suitcase. You might need an extension cord, whatever you needed for the old system.
- Q. What about paper?
- A. You are using actual, regular ballots to print on. The system will tell you what orientation to put the ballot in, for this year it will be a portrait ballot. In a Municipal year you might need a landscape ballot, so it will go in a different way. This is important because the printer is just marking spots, where the correct oval should be, so if the orientation is wrong, the ballot won't be marked correctly. You are just using a blank, polling place ballot, it can be double sided, it can be up to 18 inches long, it goes in the auxiliary paper tray. It will take it through and spit it out, marked.
- Q. What about folded ballots?
- A. Yes, it can take all ballots, but we are also double testing this to make sure. We specifically asked about pre-folded ballots, would the creases be an issue. We made sure that it works.
- Q. Could this new system go to the Moderator Trainers immediately, so that the brand new Moderators could be able to train using this new system?
- A. Right, we are working with IVS on the timing of delivery. I believe that the first shipments will be going out next week.
- Q. Will there be a mock election using the EMS system before the November Election?
- A. I do not know, Heather has the data to do it, but I don't have any details.
- Q. Is there any chance we could have a parallel system to train new users on CVRS, for EDR?
- A. I don't know, we don't have a test system of CVRS available publicly. We do have a system at our offices to help train, but it is not available on the internet. So to make the sandbox, like we did for Election Management, we would have to put it on the internet, so I am not sure of the election security issues. Probably not for this year.
- Q. The Certification of Ballot Order is due soon, I put it online, am I done or do you still need a mailed paper copy?
- A. If you put your Certification of Ballot Order in EMS, you do not need to send us anything else.
- Q. You don't need a signature?
- A. No.
- Q. What about the Head Moderator's Return? And do you want a copy of the Moderator's Return as well?
- A. I still get Moderator's Returns on occasion, but I only need a signed copy of the Head Moderator's Return. Even though you are using the Election Management System, submitting it electronically, we need you to print a hard copy and have your Head Moderator sign and send it to us. That is the only

thing I need, not tapes, not Moderator's Returns, not tally sheets or spreadsheets - I don't need any of that. Just Head Moderator's Returns, I should have ideally 169 of them electronically on Election Day.

No more questions, Ted thanked Hartford County for inviting him, round of applause.

County meeting was resumed at 11:10 am by Chairperson Darlene Burrell.

Quick reminder, the Saturday Mandatory Voter Registration Session is no longer required. It is still on the state calendar, but the law was changed this legislative session.

Q. Hold on, we were told this is still required. Is Ted still here?

A. We had this passed in the 2016 legislative session, so it is no longer required. Ted confirmed there is no required Saturday session this year.

Vice Chair Report by Sharon Krawiecki - Sharon welcomed new Registrar Steve Watkins, formerly deputy registrar.

Secretary Report by Laura Wolfe - The June meeting minutes were completed, but were not sent to the membership, so we will send those out shortly. We have sent the March meeting minutes, any suggestions, corrections? No corrections noted. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Sharon Krawiecki and seconded by Sue Burnham, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report by Sue Burnham - Not much to report, we have no money. I will be after you in January to start collecting for the next Spring Conference.

Audit Committee Report by Chairperson Lizbeth Becker - No report, but the committee will have a report for the conference.

Convention Committee by Ann Clark - The Fall Convention is on September 22 and 23, 2016 in Southbury, someone has asked for an agenda. When you register there is a list on the forms of the education classes, and that is all I have. So when you print out the registration paperwork, it is part of the form.

Q. We have deputies who are trying to decide which day to go, so specific class information would be helpful. Can we pre see the agenda, so they can choose what day to go? Also the timing?

A. No, you are correct, the agenda is not available on the website. The conference classes begin at 9:00 am each day, registration begins at 8:00 am. We expect there will be coffee and something, served at 8:00 am. The next spring 2017 convention will be in Groton, April 19, 20 and 21.

Credentials Committee by Anita Mips - **No Meeting - No Report.**

Education Committee by Sharon Krawiecki - I have some of the agenda. On Thursday we have EDR part two, so to follow up with the overview we gave in the spring, this is going to be a boot camp - what small and large towns will need, there is going to be Office of Policy and Advocacy doing a polling place survey, Registration timeline session and Ballots. After lunch boot camp best practices with Melissa moderating questions and answers. Please bring your ideas for best practices and what you can offer. On Friday SOTS is also doing something about EDR, but they haven't shared with the Education committee. I missed our last meeting.

Q. On EDR, are we still arguing about what to do or have decisions been made on what towns should be doing? For example, do we have to call or can we send an email? Can I register someone without discussion if the line is busy? This is what drives us crazy on Election Day, has any of this been resolved?

A. There is still discussion on what does the 8:00 pm cutoff mean. My understanding is the voter must be registered by 8:00 pm, it is not a matter of being in line or in the process. In the past, the thought was give everyone in line a Registration card, so you could continue the process and vote. Now the interpretation is you, as the Registrar, must have received and accepted their card. It is not hinged on being entered in CVRS to cast a ballot, but you do need have verified identity, residency and checked to ensure they aren't registered elsewhere. So anyone who has not been accepted by the Registrars by 8:00 pm is not allowed to vote. Other issues brought up are the handicap accessible machine. It is required for EDR, to be available, and controlled by a poll worker. Counting of EDR is not allowed in the EDR location, that is not permitted. It must be done wherever absentee ballots are counted, by the same staff. It can not be done in any other location. In the EDR class at the conference there will be question and answers for small towns and large towns.

Legislative Committee by Pete Gostin, Lisbeth Becker and Chairperson Sue Larson. We had our first meeting in August and Tim DeCarlo was elected as Vice Chair. Sue Larson was elected Chair. We have prepared a survey that we will distribute at the conference. There are some difficult areas, but do not get worried by it, we are just trying to get a feel where everyone is on certain issues. When we are asked about an issue, we want to be able to testify that we did this survey and this is how the group stands, whether we support or don't support it. This is not a legislative agenda, we are just asking questions.

Q. If someone can't attend the conference, do they not get to respond to the survey?

A. We will have a list of attendees, and we plan to email those who aren't attending.

Q. Are you proposing to extend the deadline to complete certification on July 1st? Many of us are struggling to attend classes, they keep getting cancelled.

A. We have discussed this. We are waiting to see the new contract that is coming out for the teachers, if there are more teachers and more classes offered, than most of us should be able to catch up. If they stay with just one or two teachers, than yes, we will ask for an extension.

Q. What about offering classes on Saturdays?

A. The committee that is running this can best answer that. We are waiting to hear from them.

(Certification Committee member Carol Hurley is called upon.)

Q. What is the status of class eight?

A. It has been created, but there is an issue with the instructor. We are in the process of changing things, adding new instructors and we are talking about adding Saturday classes. We are still working on it.

Q. How many people in Hartford County have not taken Section 2?

A. UConn has those numbers.

Q. Because of the minimum of 10 students, we are having trouble because the Hartford classes keep getting cancelled.

A. UConn is holding the classes, but you have to be willing to travel if they cancel the Hartford location. It is not worth the expense to hold the class with less than 10 students.

Q. But this is our third cancellation.

Q. If there were signup sheets at the conference, you could visually see which classes had a chance of being held. We had course after course cancelled, so we finally pushed it by asking Darlene to send a notice to Hartford county with all of the classes and how many were signed up. That is how we got our last three classes, we had to push for them.

Q. Why is there a 10 person minimum if the class is being held? Why not let five attend if one of the classrooms has reached the minimum?

- A. This is in our contract with UConn, they have to hire a proctor in order to keep a classroom open.
- Q. Has there been any discussion of making this an online course?
- A. No, this is not being considered, it is not an issue we have discussed. Right now we have only one instructor, so we have been limited to what her schedule is.
- Q. If you could have the course video taped, one time, then you don't need the instructor over and over again, it would be available at the convenience of the person taking the class. They would be looking at the same thing and getting the same material, so it is consistent. It would cut out the interaction.
- A. I don't see that happening. UConn wants that interaction between students and teacher.
- Q. There have been exceptions, they will hold Section One with less than ten students, because it is required to attend any of the other classes.
- A. These are really all questions to ask of UConn.
- Q. Will there be a forum set up to do that at the conference where we can actually talk directly about this?
- A. I am not sure, I would assume that they will be present there. I will pass this along to our committee.
- Q. That would be great if you could coordinate with the Education committee, because there may be a point in one of the sessions where we could have an opportunity to learn some more information. You could contact Sharon, we do need an avenue to get answers to these questions.
- Q. CITI just sent an email requesting that Registrars get organized to get the classes filled. They requested that you call your fellow Registrars. They seem to be as frustrated as we are. If they stick to this 10 person minimum, we need to get organized.
- A. How would we know who to call?
- Q. In June we sent an email, that Darlene sent out to Hartford County, to get our classes filled. The email listed all of the open classes and how many people are already signed up and we got a good response.
- Q. We are only in one day a week, classes are only held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays - could we have a class on Tuesdays?
- A. With only one instructor we are subject to her schedule, we do want more options, Saturdays and evenings. We are in the process of getting more instructors.
- Q. I think the problem is that the clock is winding down and we are getting closer to the deadline, and we just can't get into a class.
- Q. Right now everyone needs to get certified by July 1st except for new, what is the plan when there is a new Registrar sporadically after that? If right now, even with all of us in need of these classes we are having problems, what is going to happen when there are just a few? Will you have to go to Stamford?
- A. That is where the only instructor is located but we are hoping to change that.
- Q. So right now, Stamford is the only guaranteed class?
- A. We are trying to get more instructors, until we find new instructors this is where we are at. We expect the director of the program, Debbie, to be at the Conference.
- Q. So will we be able to address these questions to her?
- A. I would hope so, not one hundred percent sure, but I am pretty sure.
- Q. Debbie was very responsive at last September's conference. We told her we needed to be able to sign up without paying in advance, our finance department couldn't move that quickly, and within an hour she turned that around and announced that they would allow us to register immediately. I think she is a good person to work with. She is also the person who facilitated our being able to get our last three classes.
- A. At New London County, at their county meetings they set up their sheets with lists of who needs to take each class, and they coordinate the dates, at least ten people, so they don't have their classes cancelled. Maybe that is something that we can do for our next meeting, just lay out sheets with who needs the classes. We can plan to do this at the next meeting or by email.

Nominating Committee by Charlie Murray - Thank you for volunteering me to be a member of this committee, and the promotion and Cadillac that comes with it. We have some outstanding leaders, but please pass along any names for our committee to consider.

Q. What offices are up this coming June?

A. All of the officers for the ROVAC board and I will be looking for nominations in January and February.

Technology Committee by Ann Kilby and Lisbeth Becker - We had an election for new officers and Ann Kilby was elected as Vice Chair and Recording Secretary and been sending information. Lisbeth Becker was elected as Chair. One of the first things that we did was to notify the Secretary of State's office and get that relationship back and going again. Especially on coordinating technology issues, Ted is very open to it, to improve communications with all of the membership. We are looking to bring in different people with technical expertise. We have requested to kept in the loop and to work with us to do the outreach to our membership. So from a communications point of view, so that everyone in ROVAC is aware of what is going on. When we do have meetings and communications with the Secretary of State's office about particular technology issues that we then report that and publish that on our ROVAC website. In that we hope that the information starts to come together and everyone is aware of what is going on - what is being discussed and we can move forward that way. We have met twice and minutes are out there on the ROVAC website. There is also an announcement of our stress test. We also have two members from every county but the committee meeting dates and locations are published on our website and everyone is invited to attend. We will keep our email addresses on there, so if we get a large attendance because of particular issue, we need to know if you are coming, so we know what size room to get. All are welcome. We are not limited to the committee members, that is not our intent. There are so many people with lots of talents, we want to help coordinate so that they can get in there and help work with the Secretary of State.

Q. This is the perfect time for technology to talk to all of us, and I would like to have all of us vote on Online Election Day registration - do we want it or not? Ted says he was waiting for you guys. I for one will stand up and say no DMV online registration on Election Day because we all know what will happen, just like yesterday at noon when it crashed. This is not a law. We have EDR. We do not need both, with EDR, we do not need online. Our men and women have died for the right to vote, we don't need that, it will crash.

A. To clarify, no one can register online on Election Day. What they can do with the online system is to type in their own registration card information, it is a tool to simply make it easier and to speed the process along. This saves the person who is working EDR to manually type all of the information in for them from a paper card. It is just to make it easier for the EDR staff. People still need to do this in person. But now the information is there so that you can push the button and the system generates the voter registration application is completed. Anyone who fills out the card online, but does not come in, in person to EDR, does not get registered on Election Day, and does not vote. This is a vote that we are putting before the membership at the ROVAC conference. When Ted says he is waiting for the technology committee, that is what it means. The whole purpose of the stress test on September 27th is to your point. We need to know that the system will be working on Election Day. What the committee is recommending to ROVAC is that the SOTS online and the DMV online stay open after the seven day, mail in registration deadline. This way it allows you to accumulate those people who intended to register to vote in your town but missed the deadline. Before Election Day you can do the outreach to those people to ensure they know to come to EDR, send letter, emails or phone calls letting them know that they have not qualified to register to vote however you have the opportunity to use EDR. For the towns that are using the online system to help on Election Day, a lot of those folks will be all ready to be processed because you had the opportunity to print their card, verify their data, and check for previous town. It is our responsibility as Registrars to ensure that these voters know that they have not qualified because they missed the deadline. We understand the law, the cards are date and time stamped. Just because we have the online information, that does not mean that we will go ahead and register them and pull the card through. We don't, we follow the law. If the online options stay up, but now those

people will have their cards in, and we can follow up and talk to them and encourage them to vote EDR on Election Day.

Q. We are not going to be able to print cards at our EDR site. We are going to have good people who can key in the information, but we are not going to hold things up with the printing. My question is instead of doing as you propose, couldn't you have a message telling the voter that they need to appear in person at their EDR site to be able to vote? Some way to click here to find your EDR location in your town.

A. That is a great suggestion. There have been a lot of suggestions on getting the system better at directing people. We will continue to present those ideas to the Secretary of State's office. But for right now, it is a timing issue, of whether or not they could make that kind of accommodation within the system this year. That are towns that will be having voters fill out the cards manually and having EDR staff do the typing. Other registrars prefer setting up laptops or computers and have the voter's fill out the information. They find it a time saver. We have a choice. If we have the online options down on Election Day, then every town will have to have their EDR staff do all of typing for the data entry. What we are proposing is giving towns a choice.

Q. If we keep the system up and running the week before then I can check on CVRS to see if there are any matches. That way I would be able to check if that voter is already registered, not doing anything else in the system except printing the card and finding out which towns I may need to contact if that voter comes in. That way you could have a list of for example 5 names from Hartford, so instead of 5 calls one at a time, I can minimize Election Day phone calls. I think that would be helpful to cities, I know it would be helpful to me to minimize these calls.

A. You can't treat these pending registrations as if they are registering until they come in. Be sure to check the date and time stamp, that online registration may have met the cutoff. That is another advantage.

Q. But we all still need CVRS on Election Day, and we are going to be dead in the water if there is a crash. We are already hearing that the Russians are trying to hack our voter registration system.

A. This is why it is so important to participate in the stress test, to ensure that the system can handle the huge amount of traffic on Election Day. Depending on how that stress test goes, we may have a second stress test, if that would be helpful.

Let's take a quick poll, who would like the DMV system down for Election Day? Evenly divided, second poll taken -12 off, 18 on. So this is too divided to say that Hartford County wants it off or on. But the real recommendation is to keep the online on for the seven days the real question instead of shutting both online systems down for the six days prior to the Election. We are recommending that the system stay live. It would then be incumbent upon you as Registrars to make sure that you are enforcing the law, as you go through these online registrations and check the date stamps, holding registrations that missed the deadline. All of the information is available on the ROVAC website, as well as information about when our next meeting is going to be - December 1st, 300 Wells St in Glastonbury at the Riverfront Community Center. And Ted Bromley and/or the SOTS technical lead and/or Steve Mason. We make sure everyone has two weeks notice. We will hold other meetings to discuss other subjects. We are putting together a frequently asked questions list from the Secretary of State on technology questions. That way you can go there to look for questions that may have already been answered - it will be an information hub. We are trying to be better communicators, that is our mission this year. You can email your questions directly to us at the ROVAC technology website. This is very encouraging that we have such a great group.

Q. Did the SOTS staff contact your committee on this new IVS ballot marking system?

A. Yes, actually Stuart Wells was the key person behind getting the test decks to be randomly generated and printed for you. We are going to look at what other uses this new equipment may be able to provide. Read the minutes, they are 7 pages long. Stuart suggested an optical scanner could read tally sheets so that you aren't typing in the results twice. He has a lot of good ideas. If you see Stuart

at the conference, let him know what a good job he did, working on this. Suffield will be testing special equipment with a jelly bean button, so someone without limbs can vote independently. It was an extra cost, but it is something to consider if you have a voter who needs that. We will let you know how it works, we were very glad that IVS was willing to help us.

Ways and Means Committee Report by Sue Burnham - We did meet over the summer, it was an email meeting, we had a \$1700 profit at our last Conference. Our plan for the conference coming up is to do one large basket, and a money tree and the 50/50 every day. This is not a county contribution, that will be done in the Spring. For the April conference in Groton, we will collect money in the spring for the Hartford County basket. Reminder to bring \$6 per town for the Spring Conference to the January meeting.

Q. When you do the 50/50 could you have a ten minute warning?

A. Yes, to make sure they aren't out of the room and miss it.

Adhoc Handbook Committee Report by Darlene Burrell and Sharon Krawiecki - We have not met yet, but just have a few changes to make from the last legislative session. There were four: the Saturday session was removed, seventeen year olds can be ballot clerks, the online registration deadline is now seven days, same as mail-in and in person; and the after Election reporting is now the same for every Election - Municipal and Federal. We will work on that after the Election.

Q. Is there any waiver concerning 17 year olds being able to work at the polls?

A. No, there is no exception, labor rules apply if you are paying them. According to state law, you can not have 17 year olds working all day. There are no Election laws that change that.

Q. What are the voter registration deadlines again?

A. Seven days for in person, mail in and online. You will need to check the date/time stamp on online registrations that come in after the deadline, just in case they can be accepted.

Old Business - Our next meeting is January 10th. County meetings are held on the second Tuesdays in Newington: Jan 10, Mar 14 and June 13.

New Business - Some emails have bounced back when sending county information. Be sure to check the sign in sheet it should have your correct, current email address. Please make sure that your Registrar and Deputy Registrar information is correct on the ROVAC website. Going forward deputies may be included in ROVAC mailings and on the ROVAC website. You can use your office email, if you prefer, but make sure the contact information is valid, just let Kevin know about changes. The website was recently updated. Erin Nash is accepting pdf files with committee information, agendas and minutes.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed unanimously at 12:09 am.