

Minutes of the Surry County Electoral Board
May 12, 2020

Present: Howell Godfrey and Judith Giorgio. Lynita Mason was unable to attend.

The meeting began at 2:05 p.m. Judith Giorgio stated the reason she had called the emergency meeting was related to the L&A for the town election coming up on May 19, 2020. The background information was given to Mr. Godfrey. After receiving a phone call from the ELECT on Friday, May 8, 2020, it was strongly suggested to meet as an electoral board as soon as possible to discuss the compliance with the election laws regarding the L&A. After discussing the situation, it was decided that we afford Ms. White, the GR, an opportunity to provide the board with proof of compliance that the L&A was conducted as prescribed by election law. Mr. Godfrey will notify Ms. White. If Ms. White can prove the L&A was conducted correctly, there will be no further actions to be made by the board. However, if Ms. White cannot prove she was in compliance with the law, both Mr. Godfrey and Mrs. Giorgio agreed that the L&A should be performed again to ensure proper compliance.

Mrs. Giorgio also stated she wanted to discuss the GRs action of mailing out Absentee Ballot Applications with no previous notice or consultation with the board and was looking for how the other EB members felt regarding this matter. Mrs. Giorgio stated she felt that with the current political climate, an action such as this should have been brought to the attention of the board prior to performing such an action.

Mr. Godfrey stated he would reach out to Ms. Mason to obtain her views regarding the above matters.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.