

Minutes of Board of Registrars of Voters Meeting  
December 14, 2023  
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DATE: January 8, 2024  
TIME: 6:05 PM

AGENDA

- Discuss and vote on final recommendation for temporary polling place for Precinct 1 when the Library demolition and construction is underway (estimated early 2023 through 2025).
  - There was a site visit to the Beth El Temple Center in early December, in which parking, accessibility, space, access, security, availability were displayed and reviewed by the volunteers and staff at the Beth El Temple Center. The staff and volunteers explained the availability of signage and staff “break room” immediately adjacent to the space designated for voting. They reviewed the entrance/exit for cars and for voters who would be able to enter the space directly from the parking lot, with plenty of Handicapped parking immediately adjacent. During the site visit, members refrained from making any comments or sharing opinions.
  - Prior to the site visit scheduled of the All Saints Church, Brewster Hall, All Saints Episcopal Church withdrew their kind offer to serve as the temporary voting location for Precinct 1, stating that they felt the accessibility of Handicapped parking and size of the facility at Beth El Temple Center may be more appropriately suited than Brewster Hall.
  - The following motion was made by Paul Minor, seconded by Steve Shestakofsky:
    - Moved that the Board of Registrars of Voters of Belmont recommend to the Select Board that the Beth El Temple Center be designated as the temporary voting location/polling location for Precinct 1 during the period of demolition and reconstruction of the Belmont Public Library, currently estimated as January 2024 through Spring 2025, for no fee.
    - Approved unanimously, 4-0 by roll call vote: Yes – Steve, Paul, Bob and Ellen No – none
- Meeting rules to be followed by the Board of Registrars of Voters - the rules will be taken up at the next meeting in January, if there is time.
- Minutes August 24, 2023 –
  - Motion by Paul Minor, seconded by Steve Shestakofsky, the meeting minutes were approved unanimously, 4-0 by roll call vote: Yes – Steve, Paul, Bob and Ellen No – none

The next meeting will be held January 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in person, Room 4 of Town Hall at the request of a group of residents interested in Ranked Choice Voting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen O'Brien Cushman