



Town of Bristol

Board Book Report



Board Of Canvassers

Basic Information

Type	Board
Status	Enabled
Visibility	Public
Creating Authority	General Laws of Rhode Island 17-8-1 regarding appointments to the Board of Canvassers. Per the General Laws "...the town council shall nominate the members of the canvassing authority from lists of party voters submitted by the respective chairpersons of the city or town political committee..."

The bipartisan canvassing authority is appointed by the town council as provided by the Constitution and the laws of the state. Said canvassing authority shall be vested with all the powers and duties now or hereafter vested by law in the canvassing authority or board of registration of the town.

Composition

3 members, 6-year terms; 2 alternate members, 6-year terms

Board Seats

Position	First Name	Last Name	Address	Calculated End Date	Actual Start Date	Status
Alternate (D)	Michele	LaGuardia	24 Smith Street	3/1/2026	4/29/2020	Active
Alternate (R)	Michael	Smith	4 Burke Road	3/1/2026	4/17/2024	Active
Chair (D)	Frances	O'Donnell	68 Franklin Street	3/1/2030	3/1/2024	Active
Member (D)	Marie	Knapman	14 Goulart Avenue	3/1/2028	3/1/2022	Active
Member (R)	Peter	Hewett	11 Wendy Drive	3/1/2026	4/17/2024	Active



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M E M O R A N D U M

To: Honorable Town Council

From: Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk

Re: Passing of Board of Canvassers Member Michael Smith

Date: June 30, 2025

It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the passing of Michael Smith, a dedicated and longtime member of the Bristol Board of Canvassers.

Michael was a committed public servant whose thoughtful approach, steady leadership, and unwavering dedication to fair and transparent elections made him an invaluable asset to our community. His service to the Town was marked by integrity, kindness, and a deep respect for the democratic process. He will be sincerely missed by his fellow board members and all who had the privilege of working with him.

I had the pleasure of working closely with Michael during my time as the Election Clerk and came to greatly appreciate his calm demeanor, meticulous attention to detail, and genuine care for both the process and the people involved. His institutional knowledge and collaborative spirit made him not only an exceptional colleague but also a true friend to the work we do in service to the Town.

Michael's contributions to Bristol's electoral process will not be forgotten, and his absence will be deeply felt by all who had the honor of knowing him.