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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Town Commissioners
From: John Hoatson, Town Clerk
Date: Thursday, January 10, 2023
Re: Board of Supervisors of Elections Update – Review of Elections Ordinance

Commissioners,

On Monday, January 9, 2023, the Board of Supervisors of Elections met to discuss the draft election ordinance that was proposed back in 2021. As you know the draft ordinance was tabled back in 2021 as the Board decided there were too many changes already for the 2021 Election with the date being moved and the number of Commissioners increasing via the Charter Amendment.

The Board of Supervisors of Elections came up with the following recommendations based upon their reading of the proposed ordinance.

- Change the poll hours from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM until 7:00 PM.
- Poll location will remain at Town Hall. Provides easy access for Town residents.
- Hold a candidate forum hosted by an outside host or moderator | Town would be responsible for publicity / infrastructure. Questions needs to be geared towards Town.
- Compensation will be the same as in previous years. Compensation must be scheduled accordingly to allow participants to receive funds in a timely manner.
- Election judges will be selected via application and vetted by the Board of Supervisors of Elections (interviews). Board of Supervisors of Elections will select (2) Election Judges per election cycle.
- Board of Supervisors of Elections will select a chairperson at the next meeting. This person will be responsible for facilitating meetings and making sure things are done expeditiously.
- 100' rule for electioneering will remain in place.
- Closing of the polls will be announced 5 minutes before they are closed.
- In Summer host a candidate information evening to help attract viable candidates to run for the board of commissioners. Invite representatives from MML to attend.

The Board of Supervisors of Elections made the decision to hold a monthly meeting leading up to the election cycle.

Overall, the Board of Supervisors of Elections are pleased with the proposed election ordinance as written.