

Edgartown, Mass  
Town Clerk's Office  
September 5 2024  
Rec'd for Record  
AT 3:32 pm

**TOWN OF EDGARTOWN  
BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

Minutes August 28, 2024  
3:30 pm

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in the Fred B. Morgan Jr. Meeting Room of Town Hall. Members present were: Kristy Rose, Cynthia Bonnell and Wanda Williams. Also present in the audience were some members of the Planning Board.

Ms. Rose opened the meeting and the only item on the agenda which was to address a letter the Board had received from Nick Prescott questioning the residency of Planning Board Member Lucy Morrison. She asked the Board if they had all read the letter and the guidance provided from Town Counsel Michael Goldsmith.

They had.

Ms. Rose explained for those present that the complaint triggered a procedure under MGL c 51, s48. Which is a two stage process. Stage one is determining if the complaint is sufficient to require the Board to conduct a summons to the subject of the complaint to a hearing on their residency. If the complaint is found sufficient in Stage One, Stage two would require notice to the subject that the Board will be holding a hearing, to hold the hearing and then to make a decision. The Board was now conducting Stage one.

Town Counsel advised that upon review of the letter of complaint he found two reasons it was deficient: First, though the letter contains a notary stamp, it is missing the statutory jurat explaining what is being notarized and that the signer swore to the contents under oath under penalties and perjury. Second, the complaint must contain valid reasons why the writer believes the subject of the complaint does not reside in town.

Ms. Bonnell made a motion to find the letter deficient and reject it based on the two reasons given. Ms. Williams seconded. Unanimous.


The Board set the next meeting for Thursday, September 6, 2024 at 3:30pm in the same location to approve the minutes of this meeting. They would then send copies to Mr. Prescott and Ms. Morrison.


At 3:35pm Ms. Williams made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Bonnell seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

  
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Kristy Rose

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Wanda Williams

  
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Cynthia Bonnell  
Board of Registrars

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