

**WASHINGTON AND LAMOILLE COUNTY CLERKS AND TREASURERS MEETING  
October 3, 2013, Tanglewoods, Waterbury**

**PRESENT**

Rosemary Audibert (Johnson), Belinda Clegg (Wolcott), Carol Dawes (Barre City), Donna Fitch (Calais), Sara Haskins (Morristown), Carla Lawrence (Waterbury), Patty Lewis (Fayston), Linda Martin (Wolcott), Kim Moulton (Hyde Park), Monita Neill (Hyde Park), Jennifer Peterson (Waitsfield), Ken Scott (Duxbury), Jim Condos (Secretary of State) and representatives from LHS.

Chair Carol Dawes called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves, including Jim Condos, Secretary of State, and Jeff Sylvester and colleagues from LHS. Carol requested that ideas for future meeting topics be emailed to her.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of May 29, 2013 were moved to be approved. The motion was seconded and approved.

**PROGRAM**

Representatives from LHS demonstrated a new vote tabulator model and new ballot box, a new generation of optical scanners being introduced. LHS is just starting to introduce this particular model. There is a process LHS has to go through so it will take time for this model to come into Vermont. The new model has a privacy shield, and a cover goes over the tabulator so it can be set up the night before an election. The ballot storage space is larger with separate compartments for write-ins and regular ballots with the machine doing the sorting. Both steel and plastic boxes will be available with the plastic version collapsible for easier storage. The tabulator has a larger, more readable screen. The voter pushes a button to cast his ballot or pushes a "no" button to eject ballot and revote if he has made an error. LHS discussed the programming software, saying it is more robust than Accuvote; no need to QC ballot when the machine is turned on; more clarity on the report tape.

The meeting attendees responded positively to these upgrades and asked Jim Condos when the new model would be available. Jim said he makes the decision, but that the legislature will want to weigh in. "With the town clerks," Carol added. He said the state will have to go out for a RFP. He noted there are currently 200 vote tabulators in 108 towns and 138 towns still count by hand. He pointed out that an audit by the federal government could ask why the State is buying new vote tabulators when the current AccuVote machines are still in working order.

Jim reported that the main focus right now in the elections division is new software. RFPs have been received and the choice is narrowed down to three vendors who will be coming in next week. Even if most of the money comes from HAVA, the legislature will still have to approve the purchase.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Fitch  
Secretary