

**WASHINGTON AND LAMOILLE COUNTY CLERKS & TREASURERS  
MEETING**

**March 20, 2013**

Arvad's Restaurant, Waterbury

1. Social Time 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.
2. Dinner 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
3. Meeting Agenda: 7:00 p.m.
  - A. Call to order
  - B. Approve minutes of January 24, 2013
  - C. Welcome New Clerks & Treasurers
  - D. Treasurer's Report
  - E. Discuss Possible Topics for Future Meetings
  - F. Schedule Future Meetings
  - G. Program: Discussion of Proposed & Pending Legislation Related to Election Reform
  - H. Other business
  - I. Adjourn

**PRESENT**

The Washington and Lamoille County Clerk's & Treasurer's Meeting was held on March 20, 2013. The following members were in attendance: Sara Haskins and Mary Ann Wilson (Morristown), Carol Dawes (Barre City), Donna Kely (Barre Town), Tammy Legacy (Roxbury), Ken Scott (Duxbury), John Odum (Montpelier)(arrived at end of meeting), Sarah Merriman (Middlesex), Bobbi Brimblecombe (Marshfield), Carla Lawrence (Waterbury), Patty Lewis (Fayston),

Chair Carol Dawes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the January 24, 2013 meeting were approved upon motion and second.  
**Motion carried.**

We welcomed Sarah Merriman, new clerk in Middlesex.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Bobbi Brimblecombe presented the treasurer's report, which was accepted.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

We set the next meeting for Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Carol Dawes will determine the location and email everyone.

**PROGRAM**

Carol Dawes led the group through a discussion of election law legislation. Proposed changes included in both house and senate bills:

- Same day voter registration.
- Election night reporting to Secretary of State's office.
- Expanded use of absentee voter portal.
- Restrictions on early absentee ballot requests.
- Standardization of printing all primary & general election ballots so as to be tabulator-compatible.
- Requirements of towns of 1,000 registered voters or more to use tabulators, or use of tabulators to be determined by BCA's instead of all voters.
- Recounts to be conducted with tabulators – municipal clerks to assist county clerks.
- Secretary of State's office to cover some of the costs associated with programming tabulator cards.
- Changes in the number of signatures necessary for a write-in candidate to be elected.
- Requiring write-in candidates to declare themselves before the election so that only those write-in votes need to be tallied.
- Moving the primary election from the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in August to either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in August.
- Ballots are to be transported to and from recounts by municipal clerks or their designees.

The group discussed its opinions on the proposed legislation, and Carol Dawes will type up those opinions and share them with both House & Senate Government Operations committees, which have oversight of the various bills being considered.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

#### **ADJOURN**

Carol Dawes adjourned the meeting at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Dawes (with assistance from others)  
chair