

Board of Registrars
October 6, 2016
First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Town Clerk, Sandra Burgess. Present were Susan Lowenstein, and Robert Pam, Board of Registrars, and Sandra J. Burgess, Town Clerk. There were no members of the public in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a proposal to have an Early Voting location on the UMass Campus.

The Town Clerk explained that she had reviewed the proposed location with the Town's Building Inspector, Rob Morra, for accessibility purposes. Notes were made regarding what the Student Government Association would need to provide in terms of staffing, storage of equipment, parking availability, and validation of parking.

The SGA has already satisfied some of these requirements and the Town Clerk will address parking and parking validation when she meets with the SGA President, Anthony Vitale.

Chair, Robert Pam made a motion that the Board of Registrars designate 41 Campus Center Way, known as the Student Union Building, and more specifically, two rooms located therein known as The Spot and the Cape Cod Lounge as Early Voting sites. Ms. Lowenstein seconded the motion.

Registrar Joyce Crouch asked the Town Clerk to convey her concerns on designating an Early Voting location on campus.

Ms. Crouch felt that having a third early voting place at the UMass campus was not the best idea. She asked whether or not most students would be registered to vote in their home towns, if they were indeed registered, and whether or not they should be using absentee ballots. Ms. Crouch was also curious about how much it would cost the Town of Amherst to deploy staff to three, as opposed to two, early voting locations.

Ms. Lowenstein and Mr. Pam asked if those costs were available.

The Town Clerk, having prepared these numbers for Ms. Crouch, told the Board of Registrars that between staffing, and extra supplies, the cost for having Early Voting for four days, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. would be approximately, \$1,076.

There was no further discussion, and the Board of Registrars voted unanimously the motion before them.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra J. Burgess
Town Clerk
Clerk, Board of Registrars