

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Christine Wolfe
Date: 2/19/2020
Re: Election Clerks

Please consider this request to appoint the following Student Election Clerks for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election. I am working with David Barham from the Maine Waldorf School along with his 17 year old students who have already pre-registered to vote. State law provides that student election clerks may be 17 years of age and may perform all the functions of an election clerk. Title 21-A §503.1 defines the qualifications of election clerks.

1. **Qualifications; compensation.** Election clerks must be at least 18 years of age, must be registered to vote and must be residents of the municipality or the county in which they serve, except that residents of a municipality or county who are 17 years of age and who are conditionally registered to vote pursuant to section 155 also qualify to serve as election clerks.

Our plan to expose these students to the electoral process is to have 2 student election clerks each hour from 9-2 pm on Election Day. Each student will be paired with an experienced election clerk who will direct them through their hour. I am using 2 students for 1 hour on February 28th to observe and assist with processing of the absentee ballots. I will also be providing a training for these 12 students on Thursday, February 27th at their school.

I feel that it is important for us to get our young voters engaged in the Election process. I have an ulterior goal in that if the experience goes well on March 3rd, these students will want to be appointed as full election clerks when the Town Council appoints in April.