



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 19-48
COUNCIL MTG OF: May 7, 2019
FROM: Daniel Healey, Town Clerk
OFFERED BY: Town Clerk
PREPARED BY: Daniel Healey, Town Clerk
SUBJECT: District 2 Polling Location

INTRODUCTION

The Town Clerk is requesting that the Derry Town Council add the polling location of Calvary Bible Church located at 145 Hampstead Road for voters in District 2.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

The Council is encouraged to accept this recommendation and to adopt Resolution #2019-026.

BACKGROUND

Derry has used Calvary Bible Church as a polling location for District 2 voters for many years. On July 19, 2018 by a majority vote, the Town Council voted to move District 2 voters to West Running Brook Middle School. For larger turnout elections, traffic has been an issue with combining District 2 and 3 voters to one location.

DISCUSSION

The Town Council is required by Town Charter and by NH RSA to establish the polling locations used for elections. Under section 2.5(b) of the town charter the Council "shall establish polling places and balloting hours" and under NH RSA 658:9 I "The selectmen of each town and ward shall provide for a suitable place in which to hold state elections and shall see that the same is warmed, lighted, and furnished with proper supplies and conveniences". The Town Clerk's office has reached out to Calvary Bible Church and have been informed that we would be welcome back to use their facilities for our elections.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no fiscal impact. The use of three polling places and the temporary workers has been budgeted in the FY2020 budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL

RECOMMENDED MOTION

Please see Resolution #2019-026.