



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 21-116
COUNCIL MTG OF: September 21, 2021
FROM: Administration
OFFERED BY: Administration
PREPARED BY: Administration
SUBJECT: Setting the Poll and Election Worker Compensation for the October Special Primary

INTRODUCTION

The Town Council is being requested to provide hazard pay for its election and poll workers.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

See comments within this staff report.

BACKGROUND

The Town Council in recognition of the risks posed by the Pandemic, awarded a \$15/hr. hazard pay stipend to all election officials and poll workers for the most recent elections. As the Pandemic has yet to subside, the Council is requested to extend this practice to the October 19 Special Legislative Primary.

DISCUSSION

The Pandemic maintains a foothold in the area as the Delta variant along with the relatively low percentage of unvaccinated residents result in an increasing number of COVID cases in Derry. Last year the Town received grants from the Secretary of State's Office and from CTCL in the amount totaling \$74,660 for extraordinary election expenses. Of that amount, \$49,057 has been obligated leaving a balance of \$25,603.

FISCAL IMPACT

It is anticipated that the additional cost to administer this policy for the October 19 primary will be about \$5,000.00.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL

To adopt Resolution #2021-059 (please read Resolution #2021-059)

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