Dear Danielle & Louise,

Thank you for communicating to me this morning.

Last night the School Board voted to approve the "Warrant To Call Regional School Unit No. 14 Budget Meeting" for May 28, 2014. Windham resident, Michael Duffy, will post them as directed by the statute.

The School Board will take action on the "Warrant and Notice of Election Calling Regional Unit No. 14 Budget Validation Referendum" at its' meeting on May 21, 2014. We will assure that the warrant is delivered by May 22, 2014. As we understand things, the selectmen and council members must also sign the warrant and post it at least 7 days prior to the June 10th election for them to be valid. Regrettably, I am not able to send the Warrant and Notice of Election – Budget Validation Referendum today as I do not have it from the School Board yet. It is our understanding that a complicating factor is that under 20-A MRS § 1486 (3)(D) absentee ballots received by the municipal clerk may not be processed or counted unless received on or after the day after the conclusion of the RSU budget meeting on May 28 (i.e. May 29) under 20-A MRS § 1486 (3)(E) all envelopes containing absentee ballots received before the day after the conclusion of the regional school unit budget or after the close of the polls, must be marked "rejected" by the municipal clerk.

If may be necessary to work out a procedure whereby untimely absentee ballots for the RSU referendum can be rejected, without rejecting the absentee ballots for the State election being held the same date.

Regards,

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