



Town of **BOW MAR** Colorado

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To: Town Residents
From: Rick Pilgrim, Mayor
Subject: Town Election Update; May 21, 2010

The results from the April 6 Town Trustee election have been challenged in a law suit and will be reviewed by a judge following a hearing scheduled for May 27. Therefore the seating of the new Board of Trustees is not possible until the law suit has been settled.

The challenge has been brought by three of the candidates that were within one vote of the final Trustee position. The challenge has asked for an explanation of the process and steps that were followed by the Town and by Arapahoe County as the ballots were collected, verified for counting and then counted.

This was the first time the Town has used an all mail-in ballot. This process was required to meet new state law regarding balloting and voting to be consistent for all persons submitting ballots. The mail-in process provides for that consistency.

The Town worked with Arapahoe County to set procedures for collection, verification and counting of ballots. The process was different than the process that has been used in Town for over 50 years that has consisted of casting ballots in Town at a polling location.

The outcome of the hearing could be that the process was sufficient and that the results should stand. Other outcomes could be to order a new election of all or a portion of the Trustee positions.

Once the law suit is settled, the Town will take appropriate actions to comply with any rulings. The Town is prepared to move forward as quickly as possible to hold any additional elections if needed and to seat the new Board of Trustees.

The previous Board of Trustees has agreed to serve as volunteers in their commissioner positions until a new Board is seated. As Mayor, I will work with our Clerk Pat Hoffman to make sure that critical services are maintained and related issues are addressed. However, we will make no new decisions on major expenditures or other items until we have an elected Board that is seated.