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MEETING MINUTES

Board of Registrars Meeting Held on

Monday, June 3, 2019

11:00 AM

Held in the Selectmen's Hearing Room Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 11 AM. Registrars William Francis, Conley Ford, and Kathleen Gardner were in attendance. Registrar Anne Cuneo was absent. Town Administrator, Jim Boudreau was present.

There was a motion made and seconded to accept the agenda and the vote unanimous.

Discussion began in regard to the recount of Question 1-Debt Exclusion of the May 18, 2019 town election. Based on the availability of Town Counsel and the Registrars a motion was made and seconded to hold the recount on June 20, 2019 at the Scituate High School gym, 606 Chief Justice Cushing Way, Scituate at noon.

Representatives of both sides of the ballot question were in attendance, recount petitioner, Jennifer Kuhn and members of the Build a Campus Committee, Gordon Price, Louis Chin, and Elaine Schembari. Each side was reminded that they are allowed to have agents/representative/counsel equal to the number of recount workers to witness the recount and to notify the Town Clerk of their names at a later date prior to the recount.

Seth Pfeiffer from Scituate Cable TV was filming live. Available on YouTube.

The duties of the registrars were reviewed. The registrars serve as "judges" of the protested ballots. They do not tally the votes. A "runner" will deliver protested ballots to the registrars for examination and decision. It was explained that the ballots would be counted into blocks of 50 and placed in envelopes with an attached tally sheet prior to ballot counting. A block of ballots and a tally sheet, one at a time, will be delivered, by precinct to the counting team for

that precinct. There is to be 1 reader and 1 counter at each precinct for tallying the recount. It was explained that agents may protest the call of the reader by calling out, "I protest", at which time the tally clerk will not tally and the runner will take the ballot to the registrars for review. Once reviewed, the ballot will be tallied based on the decision of the registrars. A few questions were raised. What if the registrars came up with a 2/2 vote? Can a reader and tally clerk or agents switch positions? Are recount results checked against the "official tally" from the May 18th election? Kathleen Gardner responded, at the advice of Jim Boudreau, stating that these questions would be forwarded to Town Counsel and answers would be given prior to the recount.

After a review of procedure, a motion was made to adjourn and seconded, the meeting adjourned at noon.

Kathleen A. Gardner
Board of Registrars, Clerk