

The meeting began at 4:45 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall. Board members present were Robert McAllister, Chair, Doris Holden, Gladys Rodriguez and Margaret Nartowicz, Clerk. Anna Maciaszek, Arthur Mange and Merrylees Turner were also present.

A public hearing was conducted to make a determination upon an escrow ballot that was marked in Precinct 2 at the town election on April 1, 2003. This was due to an existing tie between two candidates under the office of Jones Library Trustee, and a Board determination to count the escrow ballot could affect the outcome of the election under that office.

A certified letter was sent to the escrow voter at the address he claimed to reside at, and was returned by the post office as undeliverable. The Board reviewed and discussed various evidence pertaining to the escrow ballot, presented by Ms. Nartowicz. The Board concluded that there was insufficient evidence to determine that the voter had continually resided in Amherst since his date of voter registration, or that the voter currently resides at the address he claims. Therefore, the Board's determination upon the escrow ballot was to NOT COUNT.

The Board discussed possible dates for a recount and voted Friday, April 18th to be the tentative date for a recount, if one is petitioned for.

The Board reorganized for the coming year, and voted 3 in favor, 1 abstention, to elect Robert McAllister as Chair. The Board voted unanimously to authorize the staff in the Town Clerk's office to certify, on their behalf, signatures of registered voters on nomination papers and petitions.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Z. Nartowicz
Clerk, Board of Registrars