

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

April 17, 2001

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall. Members present were Robert McAllister, Gladys Rodriguez, Doris Holden and Margaret Nartowicz. Observers were: Vincent O'Connor, Dade Singapuri and Nancy Maglione.

The Board met to discuss and define procedures for the recount scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup> for the office of Selectman. The Clerk noted that all recount petitions had been filed and certified with the exception of sub-precinct 4A. Certified letters identifying the date, time and place of the recount were sent on April 16<sup>th</sup> to Selectman candidates. A copy of the letter was read by Ms. Nartowicz.

Specific recount procedures and duties were discussed. Ballot boxes will be removed from the lower vault to the Town Room under supervision of at least one Registrar. The Constable and remaining Registrars will supervise sealed boxes inside Town Room. Mr. McAllister chose to supervise the moving of the boxes. The setup and arrangement of the Town Room was decided upon by the Registrars and remaining recount procedures were reviewed for clarity. Three ballot counting table are to be arranged in a loose square pattern around the perimeter of the room, with the Registrars' table overseeing all three counting tables and the "runner's" table, located directly in front of the Registrar's table. An area for the general public will be clearly marked along the wall to the right of the entrance doors.

One escrow ballot was completed at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> election. The Board requested that the Clerk send a letter to the escrow voter, directing the voter to bring an acknowledgement notice or other evidence of voter registration with him/her. The Clerk was directed to bring evidence (street listing folders, state election checklist and address changes) that the voter is not legitimately registered at the address claimed. The Registrars must make a determination on the escrow ballot prior to tallying at the recount.

One absentee ballot was rejected as defective on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Registrars must review the sealed envelope and make a determination to accept or reject the ballot.

The Clerk was asked to correct the location of this Registrars' meeting to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting room. Mr. McAllister requested that a copy of the certified letter sent to candidates and recount procedures be sent to him.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Z. Nartowicz  
Clerk, Board of Registrars