

*Town of Springfield - Board of Civil Authority  
Annual Town and Town School District Meeting  
Recount of Office of School Director  
Selectmen's Hall - 96 Main Street - Third Floor  
Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 9:00am Minutes*

Justice of the Peace Members Present:

Ernest Lamphere  
Warren Cross  
Mark Greenvall  
Kathleen Stankevich  
Beth Gray  
John Stettner  
Cynthia Martin  
David Hinckley  
Stephen Matush  
Tom Hall  
Charles Gregory  
Dave Yesman

Selectperson Members Present:

Kristi Morris  
Michael Martin  
Peter MacGillivray  
Stephanie Thompson  
Walter Martone

Others:

Barbara A. Courchesne, Town Clerk  
Maxine M. Aldrich, Assistant Town Clerk

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:06am by Chairperson Ernest Lamphere.

**2. Additions to Agenda:**

Barbara Courchesne stated she would like to add Lunch/Break as Item 5a on the agenda and she will motion at that time.

**3. Appointment of Presiding Officer:**

MOTION: Motion was made by Peter MacGillivray to appoint Barbara Courchesne as Presiding Officer. Motion was seconded by John Stettner. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Appointment of Assistant Election Officials:**

Barbara Courchesne explained a couple of Board members have other commitments, and the statutes state she must use all of the Board of Civil Authority members and, if they are not available, she can refer to her election officials who help out on election day. Charles Gregory is an alternate. Her intention is to also appoint Maxine Aldrich if necessary. She prefers not to swap anyone in, but she needs to be prepared if that happens.

MOTION: Motion was made by Barbara Courchesne to grant her the authority to use Charles Gregory and Maxine Aldrich as alternates. Motion was seconded by Warren Cross. Kristi Morris questioned if they are appointed as assistants, do they have to be here for the whole process. Barbara Courchesne answered yes. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Swearing in of Assistant Election Officials:**

All Assistant Election Officials were sworn in by Barbara Courchesne.

**a. Lunch/Breaks**

MOTION: Barbara Courchesne motioned to break at 1:00pm for half hour for lunch while remaining in Selectman's Hall, except for use of the restroom. Motion was seconded by John Stettner. Discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Barbara Courchesne motioned that, should it become necessary, we break at 4:00pm for 15 minute restroom break and to reassess where we are. Motion seconded by Warren Cross. Cynthia Martin asked to take restroom breaks before 4:00. Barbara Courchesne asked if we are good until 1:00pm. She explained if someone in the group needs a restroom break, the entire group must stop. She advised groups to let her know when needed, and she will shut down at that time. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. Presiding Officer will explain recount procedures and assign Election Official tasks:**

Barbara Courchesne made the following motions and then explained recount procedures:

**a. Retrieval of ballot bags**

MOTION: Barbara Courchesne motioned that two members of the Presiding Officer's team accompany the Presiding Officer to the vault to retrieve the four ballot bags containing ballots from the Annual Town and Town School District Meeting of March 7, 2017. Motion was seconded by John Stettner. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**b. Evidence by candidates**

MOTION: Barbara Courchesne motioned to request that after the recount results are announced, each candidate shall have the opportunity to present evidence relating to conduct of the recount, after first being sworn in. Motion was seconded by John Stettner. Barbara Courchesne explained this is required under the recount. John Stettner asked if we expect

candidates. Barbara Courchesne confirmed Troy Palmer did not plan to attend. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Barbara Courchesne reminded cell phones are silent during recount and not to be used. She explained minutes will be taken until the point that recount begins and then tape goes off, to be continued as soon as the election results are read or if motions are made during the recount. She confirmed this is a hand count process. Pursuant to Title 17 VSA 2685(a) each team is as politically balanced as possible, with one republican on each team. She confirmed that the checklist review and its tally and the sorting of ballots would be done at the same time and then all teams would start on the tally. She continued to read the statute outlining the process of the recount. Tom Hall and John Stettner accompanied Presiding Officer to the vault to retrieve the ballot bags. Everyone agreed to a restroom break prior to the start of the recount. When everyone returned to the Selectman's Hall, the recount began.

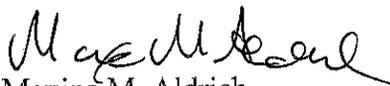
At the end of the recount, the Presiding Officer read the official results of the recount of the race for School Director held on March 15, 2017 of the Annual Town and Town School District Meeting held March 7, 2017: Ed Caron 568; Troy Palmer 565; write-ins 4; spoils 25; blanks 198 for a total of 1360 and stated that the election night results are confirmed. She also confirmed the number of voters checked off the checklist is 1369 less 9 defectives which equals 1360 and the number of ballots counted are 1360. The checklist and all tally sheets and ballots were secured in the ballot bag with a new seal and tag. The 3 bags opened for the recount were resealed with new seals and tags.

Barbara Courchesne stated that no candidates appeared to present evidence as to the conduct of the recount.

## 7. Adjournment

John Stettner moved to adjourn. Peter MacGillivray seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 1:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Maxine M. Aldrich  
Assistant Town Clerk