

Town of Avon Massachusetts



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TOWN CLERK

MINUTES BOARD OF REGISTRARS Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30 A, §§ 18-25, written notice posted by the Town Clerk delivered to all Board members, a meeting of the Board of Registrars (BOR) was held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 6:30 PM in the Mary McDermott Meeting Room.

Purpose: Pursuant to M.G.L. Title VII, Chapter 54, §§ 135, a Recount of the Ballot Election results of the Avon Annual Election held on April 11, 2023, Avon Town Hall, 65 East Main Street.

Office to be recounted: Board of Health (1 year term)
Total Board of Health Votes Cast as recorded on April 11, 2023:

Original Result:

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| Total Ballots: | 303 |
| Charles P. Marinelli | 143 |
| Jeffrey A. Tibnam | 148 |
| Blanks | 12 |
| Write-ins | 0 |

Notification: An order for a recount of the votes for Board of Health was issued on April 24, 2023, by the Avon Board of Registrars upon completion of certification of the petition, requested by Charles Marinelli on April 12, 2023 and returned on April 21, 2023, before the deadline and with the required number of signatures.

The Board of Registrars set the date and time certain for the recount to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

The Meeting Notice of the Avon Board of Registrars was posted at the following locations under OML guidelines:

- Bulletin Board in Town Hall and the town website
- A copy of the meeting notice and associated attachments was also emailed to the candidates, within three days, on April 25, 2023, and hand delivered by Officer Stephen Stenstrom.

The observers entered the room at 6:00 PM under the direction of the Town Clerk, Patricia Bessette. The election ballots arrived at the Mary McDermott Meeting Room at 6:02 PM; Officer Barbosa and SGT. Fernald, escorted the ballots in their original sealed boxes as verified on April 11, 2023. The Observers for each candidate were paired with a teller and a recorder with the instruction not to touch the ballots during the recount.

Bessette called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

Board of Registrars Present: Julie Tallent; Michael Lawler; Kevin Mooney; Patricia Bessette, Town Clerk

Also Present: Tabulator: Debra Morin; Minute Taker: Sharon Simon; Runners: Maria Piccirilli, Lynne McKenney

Tellers:

1. Cheryl Sass, Town Clerk of Randolph
2. Lisa Pedrolli, Town Clerk of Hopedale

Recorders:

1. Kristen Maguire
2. Michael Sandy

Other Officials Present: Attorney Brian Riley, Town Counsel
SGT. Glenn Fernald
Officer Barbosa

Observers for Candidate Marinelli
Charles Marinelli

Observers for Candidate Tibnam
Jeffrey Tibnam
Allysa Tibnam

Bessette gave the oath to the election workers at 6:15 PM.

The Town Council, Brian Riley Esq., reviewed the open meeting laws related to the recount and the procedures for the day. Riley Esq. reviewed more specifically the details for counting the ballots, tallying the count, reiterated to the workers to determine the will of the voter.

The room was divided into two sections: recount area / public area. The recount area was limited to recount workers, observers, and the campaign representatives only.

Method of Recount:

- Two teams of two Observers for each candidate, a Teller, and a Recorder
- Hand Count of paper ballots
- The ballots were counted in blocks of 50 and verified

SUMMARY OF RECOUNT

The ballots for Precinct 1 were opened at 6:02 PM by the Officers in full view of the public and distributed by Patricia Bessette. The ballot box was returned to the BOR table and remained in full view of the public at 6:09 PM.

The ballots were separated into blocks of 50 and all ballots were accounted for and verified at 303.

| <u>PRECINCT ONE (Precinct 1):</u> | Recount Vote Total | Election Vote Total |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Total Votes Cast | 303 (+/-) | 303 |
| Marinelli | 144 +1 | 144 |
| Tibnam | 147 -1 | 147 |
| Blanks | 12 | 12 |

Observations:

One (1) absentee ballot was discussed. It was originally rejected for missing the inner envelope, confirming voters' signatures. Rejection was upheld.

Bessette confirmed and verified all ballots were tallied and returned.

Bessette announced at 6:42 PM that the recount was complete and announced the total ballot count for the 2023 Board of Health (1 year term) race:

Final Result:

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| Total Ballots: | 303 |
| Charles P. Marinelli | 144 |
| Jeffrey A. Tibnam | 147 |
| Blanks | 12 |
| Write-ins | 0 |

A motion was made and seconded for the BOR to accept the recount results for the Board of Health votes as read. The motion carried unanimously.

May 3, 2023 Recount Results: The outcome of the Annual Election held on April 11, 2023 for the open seat on the Board of Health resulted in a additional vote for Candidate Marinelli. Candidate Tibnam retains the seat.

Adjournment

Bessette moved to adjourn at 6:43 PM and it was unanimous to do so.

Sharon Simon, observed by BOR, sealed the boxes containing the ballots at 6:49 PM.
Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon Simon
5.3.23