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## Minutes from 3/12

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**Scott Peters** <speters@board.mrsd.org>

Fri, Mar 12, 2021 at 8:04 PM

To: Lillian Sutton <lsutton@mrsd.org>, Laura Aivaliotis <laura\_aivaliotis@comcast.net>, Laura Aivaliotis <laivaliotis@board.mrsd.org>, "Lisa A. Witte" <lwitte@mrsd.org>, Adam Hopkins <adam.m.hopkins@gmail.com>

- Meeting called to order @ 7:16
- Present: Kristen Noonan, Karen Wheeler, Michelle Connor, Dan LeClair, Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas, Colleen Toomey, Scott Peters, Lisa Steadman
  - Quorum 8.308, Absent 4.693
- S.Peters opened the meeting. There were no public comments
- S.Peters explained the official request for a recount of Ballot Article 2, which had a preliminary result of
  - 1104 YES
  - 1108 NO
  - 96 BLANK
- The list of 14 people who requested a recount was shared on screen. S.Peters explain that Moderator Bill Hutwelker had shared the RSA details, and a minimum of 10 requests from registered voters is required
- Betty Tatro joined the meeting
- L.Sutton explained the process of securing the ballots, they are currently sealed and will remain so until the recount
- S.Peters and L.Sutton explained the process we will follow for the recount:
  - The recount is a public meeting and will be posted like any other, for Tuesday 3/16/2021 @ 5:00 PM in the MRMHS Annex. It will also be broadcast via Zoom and recorded
  - The District Clerk and Moderator will oversee the counting
  - The Moderator has recommended 6 counters are needed to get through the 2,308 ballots within an hour
  - The Moderator confirmed that the counters should be School Board members, unless there are not enough available members to participate
    - S.Peters took a poll to confirm who is available, and explained he had reached out to Adam Hopkins as chair of the Budget Committee to share the details of the process unfolding, but also asking him to participate in the recount.
    - S.Peters, C.Toomey, C.McDaniel-Thomas, D.LeClair, K.Noonan, and A.Hopkins were confirmed as counters
- Board members asked process questions that were answered by Lillian and by reviewing the details of RSA 669:30-33 on screen
- Betty Tatro commented that any further questions could be answered by calling the State of NH Attorney General's office. S.Peters commented that we have elected Bill as our Moderator, and we will follow his guidance, but that he (Bill) might make that call if he has concerns
- There were no second public comments
- Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas moved to adjourn, seconded by Karen Wheeler
  - 9.43 YES / 0 NO / 0 ABSTAIN / 3.57 Absent

For further detail, this meeting was recorded. The link will be made available once the email from the Zoom server is received

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