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MEETING NOTICE

(MGL Chapter 30A Sections 18-25)

COMMITTEE OR CONVENING BODY: Board of Registrars

MEETING PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room, 183 Main Street

Meeting Date March 19, 2024

Meeting Time 12:15 PM

AGENDA:

This is to notify you that the Secretary of the Commonwealth has ordered a District Wide Recount for the office of Republican State Committee Man in the First Essex & Middlesex District at the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary. The recount has been scheduled for March 19, 2024 at 1:00 PM in Groveland, but please see below as the blocking of ballots will occur at 12:15 PM

In accordance with the provisions of General Laws chapter 54, section 135, each candidate for the same office will have the right to be present and to witness the recount, accompanied by counsel, if desired. Additionally, you may also be represented by "agents," appointed by you or counsel in writing, sufficient in number to provide one agent for each officer or clerk counting or checking ballots. You, as a candidate, your counsel, if applicable, and properly designated agents shall have the right to observe and inspect ballots, tally sheets and other papers used in the recount and to watch every individual act performed in connection therewith.

In the Town of Groveland, we will have 4 of teams of two people—one reading and one recording votes cast—in addition to one tally clerk and one runner. Therefore, each candidate may designate up to 9 of agents to be present and participate in the recount proceedings. In order to facilitate the timely commencement of the recount, please provide a list of your agents, in writing, no later than March 18, 2024 by noon to the Town Clerk.

Please note that although the recount itself will commence at 1:00 PM, we will be transporting the ballots to the recount area at 12:15 PM to begin separating them into blocks of fifty. You are welcome to arrive early to view this process, but please let me know if you plan to attend.

In order to assure an orderly recount, the following rules will be in effect:

- The only people who will be allowed to handle ballots and other election materials are recount workers and the members of the Board of Registrars. While agents may ask for a closer look, they may not touch the ballots or other election materials.
- Disorderly conduct and/or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Anyone creating a disturbance shall be warned once, then ejected and not allowed to return.
- Agents may challenge a decision of the recount workers as to how to count a particular ballot by stating the words "I object" or similar statement. Otherwise, agents must be silent to allow recount workers to count ballots without distraction. A runner will take the ballots which are the subject of objections to the Board of Registrars for final determination.
- Only the candidate or their attorney may present arguments to the Board of Registrars regarding ballots to which objections are raised during the counting process.
- Decisions of the Board of Registrars (or Election Commissioners) on any protested ballots will be final.

Be advised that only authorized persons will be permitted to enter the recount area. The general public may observe the recount from outside of the recount area.

Elizabeth Cunniff
Groveland Town Clerk

Date: March 13, 2024