

**Town of *Dunstable* Selectboard**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 14, 2018**  
**Town Hall, Dunstable, MA 01827**

**Convened:** 3:00 pm

**Present:** Leah D. Basbanes, chair, Ronald J. Mikol, vice chair, James E. Tully, member; James W. Dow, Chief of Police

**Temporary Registrar for the Duration of the Recount of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The Board discussed the recount which was ordered by the Secretary of the Commonwealth for the Democratic Congressional Primary for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District. The Town Clerk has requested the appointment of a temporary registrar for the duration of the recount. Given the seriousness of the situation Chief Dow has volunteered for the appointment. The Board saw no reason not to appoint Chief Dow and determined to do so.

A motion was made by Mr. Mikol to appoint James W. Dow as a temporary Registrar for the duration of the recount of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District on September 15<sup>th</sup> 2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tully and was unanimously approved.

**Discussion Regarding Town Counsel's Presence at Recount**

The Town Clerk has requested that Town Counsel attend the recount due to the technical legal questions which may arise as part of the process. Town Counsel has advised he cannot personally attend, but his firm which is retained by the town, can provide an election law attorney well versed in recounts. The Board saw no reason not to grant the Town Clerk's request recognizing the unusualness of the circumstance and the likelihood of the necessity of legal counsel in the case of challenges or questions by the attorneys for each candidate.

A motion was made by Mr. Mikol to authorize Town Counsel or any other designee so assigned, to attend the recount. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tully and passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn at 3:15 pm was made by Mr. Mikol, seconded by Mr. Tully. The motion was unanimously approved.

Submitted by



Leah D. Basbanes  
Chair of the Board of Selectmen

*Approved and adopted on 10/02/18*