

I read Jon Sylbert's email, and I am flabbergasted. I would like to set the record straight.

After Don Coburn's second attempt to have the 'Recall By-Law' petition passed in our annual town meeting failed, Shawn Tryon was determined to get it done.

When my wife, Janet, and I were told that Shawn began the Recall By-Law petition, we met him to sign our names. I know that he had the text attached to the signature sheet because I recall asking him which of Don's two versions were sent to him. He did not know, so he gave it to me to read.

When Shawn was notified that he had not garnered the requisite number of signatures (he thought he needed just ten, but apparently for a special town meeting, he needed 10% of the town voters), I offered to help get more signatures. Shawn gave me a copy of the Recall By-Law petition and the signature sheet, and I had more copies of them made in the event others wanted to join in the effort. When I solicited signatures, I also had the petition attached to the signature sheet.

Ellen Coburn and Kenn Basler were quick to join. Ellen clearly recalls that one or two people actually asked to read the petition. Kenn gathered signatures at the Coffee Club, and he too, recalls that a number of people took the time to read the petition.

There were only four people who solicited signatures: Shawn Tryon, Ellen Coburn, Kenn Basler, and me. All four of us have unshakeable memories of having the Recall By-Law petition attached to the signature sheet as people signed. So, Jon Sylbert got it wrong.

What is clear to me is that the Select Board should not waste any more time or resources chasing Jon's spurious claim. What is even clearer is that Jon owes the Board, and to those who he claimed did not process the Recall By-Law petition correctly, an apology and a retraction.

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