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## **A Deep Recon Mission-A Mission to Explore the Nuances and Traps of the Motions to Reconsider and Reconsider and Enter On Minutes!**

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### **Scenarios to Consider-Pre-Work!**

**Scenario #1-**A motion has been made to “certify the election results.” That motion has been defeated. A new motion is made to certify the election results-Is this proper?  
A new motion is made to certify the election results and perform an audit of the election?  
Do either or both of these subsequent motions require a new main motion or a motion to reconsider?

**Scenario #2-** A motion is adopted to deny approval of a project! There is talk that the motion was not compliant with open meeting law when it was adopted because of public participation. At a subsequent meeting ratification of the decision is on the agenda. The item is on the consent calendar to approve ratification. The item is pulled off the consent calendar and a motion is made to NOT ratify the decision. This motion is defeated. Subsequently, a motion is made to ratify the decision (both motions were not in order because there was already a motion on the floor to ratify the prior action). This motion was also defeated. How do we get back to the 1) the original motion to ratify? 2) the original motion to deny the approval?

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Scenario #3-A main motion is pending to have a barn dance at the William's Barn on December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7 p.m. An amendment to strike December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7 p.m. and insert December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 7 p.m. is made. A secondary amendment is made to strike 7 p.m. and insert 6 p.m. is made. Another motion is made to refer the motion to the activities committee with the power to act. The referral fails but both amendments pass as does the main motion which now reads "to have a barn dance at the William's Barn on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 7 p.m."

Later in the meeting, it becomes know that the William's Barn has just burned down. What motion do I reconsider to change the barn where the dance will be held?

What motion do I reconsider to change the date of the dance?

What motion do I reconsider to change the time of the dance?

Assume I voted in favor of the secondary amendment, in opposition to the secondary amendment and in favor of the amended main motion.

Can I make a motion that will change the time of the meeting?

Can I make a motion that will change the date of the meeting?