



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF WRENTHAM

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MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
And
SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY
APRIL 30, 2013

The Annual Town Election this year was held on April 30th and was held simultaneously with the Special State Primary. The polls were arranged so voters would enter their precinct and then proceed from one election table to the next. After voting their ballot(s), the voters proceeded to the check-out tables in the same manner.

The polls were opened at 7:00 AM with the reading of the warrant by Warden Mary Geromini. There were a few voters standing in line to cast their ballots. Sample ballots, Instructions to Voters, Voters Bill of Rights, and a zero tabulation were posted.

The ballot boxes were opened and examined by the Town Clerk, Warden, and Officer Smith. A test tabulation was run and the zero results were posted. The AutoMark handicap voting machine was turned on.

Election workers were:

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| Precinct 1 | Elizabeth Gallagher, Karen Suchy, Joseph Cormier, Sharon Pazurcheck, Martha DiChiara, Joyce Baldyga, Cindy O'Rourke, Maureen Osolnik, Marilyn Cataldo (Clerk) |
| Precinct 2 | Marylou Barton, Mel Gouthro, Fran Padula, Marjorie Hooper, Anastacia Luce, Darryl Luce, Sara Marks, Bill Jones (Clerk) |
| Precinct 3 | Leo Immonen, Patricia Bixby, Kendra Farling, Cheri Leonard, Ravindra Nadkarni, Keith Langer, Lynn Hallion (Clerk) |

Officers on duty throughout the day were Jeffrey Smith, William McGrath, Paul Ajoue, and Dan Morriss.

At the close of registration for this election, there were 7,697 registered voters. Voter turnout was steady at the beginning and during the course of the day. In the first hour, 2.2% of the voters had cast their ballots.

The following notes were taken from the precinct clerks:

Precinct 1

Ballots were given to workers, counted and each worker started with 200.

During the course of the day, there were six spoiled ballots. Voters had made mistakes and were allowed another ballot. There were two jammed ballots. The register was checked, and the ballots were not counted. The warden, with an officer present, unlocked the voting machine, removed the ballot and re-fed the ballots successfully, with the ballots then being counted. The machine was locked again, and the keys handed to the officer.

Precinct 2

This precinct had a total of seven spoiled ballots, all for the local election. All these voters had taken ballots and then decided they did not want to vote in the local election.

There was also one provisional ballot. This voter's name did not appear on the voters list. It was researched the next day, and it was found that the voter was registered and his name should have appeared on the list. His ballot was counted and reconciled into the total.

Precinct 3

This precinct had a total of 11 spoiled ballots for the local election and 2 for the primary. Again, most of the 11 spoiled ballots were from voters taking ballots and then deciding they did not want to vote in the local election.

At approximately 1:00, the ballot box jammed. A ballot that was counted by the tabulator was jammed. The Town Clerk opened by ballot box, pulled out the tabulator, took out the ballot and deposited it by hand in the ballot box. When the next couple of ballots were tried, they would not feed through. It was then noticed that the tabulator was not plugged in, although it was operating and tabulating properly on battery back-up. The tabulator was then plugged in, and from then on it worked properly. During this process, voters deposited their ballots in the side pocket of the ballot box. After the close of the voting, according to proper procedure, the ballots in the side pocket were fed into the tabulator. At the end of the night, all figures reconciled.

During the last two hours, voting picked up considerably, but still not heavy. There were no voters waiting in line at closing.

Results of the election were available by approximately 8:45 pm, excluding the write-in votes. The tabulator ran the two elections separately. The Warden read the unofficial results to those present. There were 1,657 voters who had cast their ballots for the local election, or 21.5%. The previous year's election drew 11.6%. The Special State Primary election had 1,648 ballots cast, or 21.4%. The State Primary of 9/6/12 drew 9.2%.

There was one Affirmation of Current and Continuous Residence for Inactive Voters, and one provisional ballot.

It is the opinion of the Town Clerk that, overall, by combining the two elections, it saved the Town a considerable amount of money in election costs, a considerable amount of money in police details, caused less inconvenience for the elementary school (one day vs. two), resulted in almost double voter turn-out, and proved to be more convenient for the voters of Wrentham to attend one election rather than two.

All materials were returned to Town Hall at approximately 11:15 pm.

Custodians at the school took down the voting equipment at the end of the evening, and the DPW workers finished up on Wednesday morning, prior to the start of school, and returned all materials to the Town Hall.

The Town Clerk thanks the office staff, election workers, police, school personnel and custodians, and DPW workers who helped make this election a success.

Official results of the election are attached.

A True Copy, Attest: Carol A. Mollica
Carol A. Mollica
Wrentham Town Clerk

TALLEY SHEET - 4/30-13

	PCT. 1	PCT. 2	PCT 3	Final Count
MODERATOR (1)				
KEITH S. BILLIAN	456	335	450	1241
BLANKS	148	117	137	402
WRITE-INS	2	6	6	14
Total	606	458	593	1657
TOWN CLERK (1)				
CAROL A. MOLLICA	472	361	460	1213
BLANKS	130	96	127	353
WRITE-INS	4	1	6	11
Total	606	458	593	1657
SELECTMAN (2)				
JOSEPH F. BOTAISH	374	302	389	1065
GAIL L. PRATT	332	282	332	946
GEORGE R. SMITH, JR.	296	200	250	746
BLANKS	204	128	212	544
WRITE-INS	6	4	3	13
Total	1212	916	1186	3314
ASSESSOR (1)				
JOAN A. DOOLEY	461	330	441	1232
BLANKS	144	128	152	424
WRITE-INS	1	0	0	1
Total	606	458	593	1657
PLANNING BOARD (2)				
THOMAS P. WRYNN	364	309	372	1045
MICHAEL F. MCKNIGHT	394	273	413	1080
BLANKS	454	334	398	1186
WRITE-INS	0	0	3	3
Total	1212	916	1186	3314
BOARD OF HEALTH (1) - 3 YR.				
DEBRA M. DUNN	425	308	402	1135
BLANKS	173	144	183	500
WRITE-INS	8	6	8	22
Total	606	458	593	1657
FISKE PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE (1)				
BLANKS	547	430	542	1519
WRITE-INS*	59	28	51	138
Total	606	458	593	1657

