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Minutes of the State Election November 3, 2020

The November 3, 2020 State Election was epic. There was a lot of attention on the candidates on the ballot for the Presidential race in addition to the country being in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. This was the first time the Secretary of State's office mailed postcards to all Registered Voters to see if they wished to receive their State Election ballot by mail. The Clerk's office had a great response and sent out over 5,600 Mail in Ballots to voters.

In addition to Mail in Voting, two (2) weeks of Early Voting preceding the election was another option presented to voters. Residents were able to cast their vote in the Conference Room of Town Hall. It was staffed on a daily basis during regular business hours and weekend hours were also offered. There were 1,891 voters that took that opportunity.

On Election Day, the polls were declared open at 7:00 a.m. by Warden Mary Geromini. It was a wintery mix in the morning and between 7 am and 8 am there was a long line of over 300 voters. Sample Ballots, Instructions to Voters, Voters Bill of Rights, and Zero Tabulations from Precinct 1, Precinct 2 and Precinct 3 were posted. The AutoMark handicap voting machine was turned on.

Town Clerk, Cynthia Thompson gave the Election Workers instructions on how check ins were going to be handled, where observers would be standing, ballot box attendants responsibilities in addition to general election instructions. About 40 Election Workers and volunteers were present, including a cleaning staff in each precinct who were responsible for cleaning booths, pens, and ensuring that all voters exited the polling location in an orderly and safe manner. All Election Workers were sworn in and were thanked for their service and dedication during this unprecedented election year.

Two sets of check in books were used, one for Early Voting; the other for "live voters". There were no check-out tables for this election, but a ballot box attendant was assigned to each precinct.

Election workers were as follows:

Warden – Mary Geromini

Deputy Warden – William Jones

Precinct 1 Clerk – Kendra Farling/Ann Fisk

Precinct 2 Clerk – Leo Immonen/Todd Duffy

Precinct 3 Clerk – Lynn Hallion/Mary Carlson

Precinct 1 IN – Marguerite Pennini and Donna Martin

Precinct 1 EV – Nancy Mure, Lyn Freeman and Karen Heinz

Precinct 2 IN – Joseph Cormier and Darryl Luce

Precinct 2 EV – David Simpson and Paul Freeman

Precinct 3 IN – Karen Suchy and Judith Simonds

Precinct 3 EV – Carolyn Collins Deborah Sapp-Woodhams

Ballot Box Attendant P1 – Gregg Butler

Ballot Box Attendant P2 – Eric Greenberg

Ballot Box Attendant P3 – Michael Smith

Volunteers – Gregg Butler, Eric Greenberg, Cheryl Reidel, Peter Reidel, Cynthia Foley, Chandler Ross

As always, a special thank you to the Department of Public Works, the Elementary School custodians and the Wrentham Police Department who always give it their all to help with the setup/take down and re-storage of the equipment.

Officers on duty were: Officer Peter Preston, Officer Robert Casavant, Officer Jonathan King, Officer Riley McGrath, Office Jake Holloway, Officer William Leary, and Sergeant Daniel Morris.

The ballot boxes were opened and inspected by Officer Preston with Clerk Thompson observing. The boxes proved to be empty and the zero tabulations were run and posted. The keys were given to Officer Preston and then Sergeant Morris at the end of the evening.

The turnout was non-stop and steady throughout the day, but the crowd did dissipate a bit between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and the close of polls. At the time of the Election, the Town had reached 9,334 registered voters and hit a new record of 83% voter turnout.

During the day, registrars made several trip to the polls to deliver pre-scanned ballots that had been received by the US mail and others that had been deposited into the Town's new ballot dropbox.

All Mail in Ballot and Early Voting ballots were processed throughout the day, which were finally competed around 7:00 p.m. that evening. Separate check in tables in each precinct were specifically for the mail in ballots and voters who requested ballots, but decided to vote in person at the polls. The Automark voting machine was used by a few voters and approximately 150 Absentee Ballots were processed by the Precinct Clerks.

There were some ballot jams in each precinct at the ballot boxes. All three precinct ballot boxes were emptied at 2:00 p.m. due to the volume of ballots that were being passed through them. The staff quickly learned that about 1,300-1,400 ballots are the boxes capacity.

At 8:00 p.m. Warden Geromini closed the polls and no voters were in line to cast their ballot. Election staff waited for the remaining ballots to be delivered from Town Hall before the tabulators were shut down and two sets of result tapes were run. A few individuals from various campaigns waited for the results to come in. Tellers worked on reconciling their books and write-in votes were recorded. All ballots were counted this evening and results were completed close to midnight.

There was 2 provisional ballots, a few spoiled ballots, and several affirmations for each precinct.

All materials were returned to Town Hall by 11:45 p.m. Un-official results were sent to the local newspapers and results were reported to the Associated Press.

The Town Clerk would like to give a special thank you to Assistant Town Clerk, Ellen Wojcik. She went above and beyond to ensure that nothing was overlooked and that we were prepared for each and every day of this years' Elections 2020. In addition, Deputy Warden William Jones and David Simpson were extremely helpful in helping to make this particular election successful in these unusual circumstances. I can't say enough about the Election staff and all the volunteers who ensured that the voters had a safe environment to cast their vote.

Attest: 
Cynthia L. Thompson, Town Clerk

Results of the election are as follows:

**November 3, 2020
State Election Tally Sheet
OFFICIAL RESULTS**

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Unofficial Results
Electors of President and Vice President				
Biden and Harris	1426	1352	1469	4247
Hawkins and Walker	13	11	10	34
Jorgensen and Cohen	36	48	48	132
Trump and Pence	1140	1128	1051	3319
Write Ins	21	34	20	75
Blanks	13	16	21	50
Total	2649	2589	2619	7857
Senator in Congress				
Edward J. Markey	1369	1246	1443	4058
Kevin J. O'Connor	1215	1272	1119	3606
Write Ins	10	23	16	49
Blanks	55	48	41	144
Total	2649	2589	2619	7857
Representative in Congress				
Jake Auchincloss	1217	1105	1252	3574
Julie A. Hall	1313	1385	1272	3970
Write Ins	3	3	3	9
Blanks	116	96	92	304
Total	2649	2589	2619	7857
Councillor				
Robert L. Jubinville	1738	1679	1800	5217
Write Ins	63	62	58	183
Blanks	848	848	761	2457
Total	2649	2589	2619	7857
Senator in General Court				
Rebecca L. Rausch	1203	1089	1214	3506
Matthew T. Kelly	1309	1384	1287	3980
Write Ins	1	1	1	3
Blanks	136	115	117	368
Total	2649	2589	2619	7857
Representative in General Court				
Shawn C. Dooley	1557	1610	1507	4674
Brian P. Hamlin	987	881	1028	2896
Write Ins	2	0	0	2
Blanks	103	98	84	285
Total	2649	2589	2619	7857
Register of Probate				
Colleen Marie Brierley	1782	1714	1836	5332
Write Ins	54	56	45	155
Blanks	813	819	738	2370
Total	2649	2589	2619	7857

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	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Unofficial Results
County Commissioner				
Joseph P. Shea	1231	1186	1269	3686
Richard R. Staiti	635	674	713	2022
Heather Hamilton	847	874	818	2539
Write Ins	23	35	30	88
Blanks	2562	2409	2408	7379
Total	5298	5178	5238	15714
County Treasurer				
Michael G. Bellotti	1787	1727	1846	5360
Write Ins	48	50	43	141
Blanks	814	812	730	2356
Total	2649	2589	2619	7857
Sheriff				
Jerry P. McDermott	1361	1399	1294	4054
Patrick W. McDermott	1073	991	1111	3175
Write Ins	4	1	8	13
Blanks	211	198	206	615
Total	2649	2589	2619	7857
Question 1				
Yes	1799	1821	1844	5464
No	760	700	691	2151
Blanks	90	68	84	242
Total	2649	2589	2619	7857
Question 2				
Yes	936	936	938	2810
No	1617	1577	1597	4791
Blanks	96	76	84	256
Total	2649	2589	2619	7857