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Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting
April 4, 2016

The polls were declared open at 7:00 a.m. by Town Clerk, Cynthia Thompson. There were 0 voters standing in line to cast their ballots. The Sample Ballot, 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.

The Town Clerk welcomed the newly appointed Election Workers and thanked them for coming. All were sworn in oaths were signed.

Reminders were given to poll workers that voters must be handed their ballots and repeating the name and address of the voter was important. The Clerk's office used split shifts for Election Workers for the first time with some working 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the rest from 2 p.m. to close. Warden, Mary Geromini was unable to attend the polls, so Deputy Warden, Mary Lou Barton presided.

Election workers for Shift 1 were as follows:

Deputy Warden – Mary Lou Barton
Precinct 1 Clerk – Kendra Farling
Precinct 2 Clerk – William Jones
Precinct 3 Clerk – Leo Immonen
Precinct 1 IN – Judith Simonds and Marilyn Cataldo
Precinct 1 OUT - Joyce Baldyga and Richard Bryant
Precinct 2 IN – Daryl Luce and Mel Gouthro
Precinct 2 OUT – Joseph Cormier and Robert Cronin
Precinct 3 IN – Pat Bixby and Ann Fisk
Precinct 3 OUT – Midge Hooper and Roberta Schwalbe

Election workers for Shift 2 were as follows:

Precinct 1 Clerk – Susan Harris
Precinct 2 Clerk – William Jones
Precinct 3 Clerk – Lynn Hallion
Precinct 1 IN – Deborah Woodhams and Carolyn Collins
Precinct 1 OUT – Sharon Pazurchek and Sharon Howe
Precinct 2 IN – Mel Gouthro and Chip Harris
Precinct 2 OUT – Paul Sheehan and Paul Freeman
Precinct 3 IN – Nancy Mure and Mary Carlson
Precinct 3 OUT – Karen Heinz and Maureen Osolnik

Special thanks to Department of Public Works, the Elementary School custodians and the Wrentham Police Department who helped with the setup and take down of the equipment.

Officers on duty were: Sergeant Jeffrey Smith, Officer Peter Preston, Officer Derek Cassidy, Officer Patrick Griffin and Officer Daniel Morris.

The ballot boxes were opened by Officer Preston with Deputy Warden, Mary Lou Barton and Town Clerk, Cynthia Thompson observing. The ballot boxes proved to be empty and the zero tabulation was run and posted. The keys were handed over to Officer Preston and then to Officer Morris.

The turnout was very slow as it was snowing lightly throughout most of the day with final accumulations of about 6 inches when the polls closed. The busiest hours were between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. with 45 voters and between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. with 55 voters. At the time of this Annual Town Election, there were a total of 8,013 registered voters in Wrentham with 495 coming out to vote (6.1%).

Only 25 Absentee Ballots were processed by the Precinct Clerks throughout the day. There were no issues with the Accuvote machines during the day and no one used the Automark.

At 8:00 p.m. Town Clerk, Cynthia Thompson closed the polls. No voters were waiting in line. The voting machines were programmed for tabulation and two sets of tapes were run. Tellers reconciled their books and write-in votes were recorded. Results were ready by 8:40 p.m.

There were no provisional ballots, a couple of spoiled ballots, and 0 Affirmations.

All materials were returned to Town Hall by 9:30 p.m. and official results were posted in Town Hall and on the Town's website on Tuesday, April 5th.

The Town Clerk would like to thank all the staff members who worked at this election to help make her second election run smoothly and a successful evening.

Attest: _____
Cynthia L. Thompson, Town Clerk

Results of the election are as follows:

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Official Results

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Official
Board of Assessors (1)				
Joan A. Dooley	132	110	160	402
Blanks	29	20	43	92
Write-Ins	0	1	0	1
Total	161	131	203	495
Board of Health (1) - 1 year				
George R. Smith, Jr.	109	91	140	340
Blanks	49	36	59	144
Write-Ins	3	4	4	11
Total	161	131	203	495
Board of Health (1) - 3 years				
Blanks	146	122	183	451
Write-Ins	15	9	20	44
Total	161	131	203	495
Board of Selectmen (2)				
Joseph F. Botaish II	98	77	107	282
Gail L. Pratt	94	68	87	249
Stephen J. Langley	98	91	146	335
Blanks	30	24	65	119
Write-Ins	2	2	1	5
Total	322	262	406	990
Constable (3)				
Stephen R. Hamlin	125	96	138	359
Michael C. Abril	113	85	136	334
Michael F. Galasso	113	90	131	334
Blanks	132	120	204	456
Write-Ins	0	2	0	2
Total	483	393	609	1485
Fiske Public Library Trustee (1)				
Marleigh P. Brown	129	98	152	379
Blanks	32	32	51	115
Write-Ins	0	1	0	1
Total	161	131	203	495
Fiske Public Library Trustee (2)				
Suzanne S. Bove	120	104	146	370
Lori J. Yarworth	120	100	142	362
Blanks	82	58	118	258
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Total	322	262	406	990
Moderator (1)				
Keith S. Billian	129	108	161	398
Blanks	31	22	41	94
Write-Ins	1	1	1	3
Total	161	131	203	495

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Planning Board (2)				
<i>Michael F. McKnight</i>	120	96	148	364
<i>James E. Lawrence</i>	118	94	141	353
Blanks	84	72	116	272
Write-Ins	0	0	1	1
Total	322	262	406	990
Town Clerk (1)				
<i>Cynthia L. Thompson</i>	144	113	161	418
Blanks	17	18	40	75
Write-Ins	0	0	2	2
Total	161	131	203	495
Wrentham School Committee (1)				
<i>Eric A. Greenberg</i>	123	106	149	378
Blanks	37	25	54	116
Write-Ins	1	0	0	1
Total	161	131	203	495

**Winners - Bold Italic*