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**MINUTES OF THE
STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

The polls were opened at 7:00 AM with the reading of the warrant by Warden Mary Geromini. Voters were waiting in line for the opening, and thereafter there was a steady line of voters entering to cast their ballots. Sample ballots, instructions to voters, voter's bill of rights, and the zero tabulation were posted.

The ballot boxes were opened at 6:30 AM and examined by the Town Clerk, Warden, Precinct Clerks, and Officer True. The boxes were empty. The test tabulation was run on each machine and the zero results were posted. The AutoMark handicap voting machine was turned on also.

Because this was the Presidential election and a very large turnout was expected, preparation was started in September, right after the primary election. There was a meeting held with the Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, Chief of Police, Fire Chief, DPW Superintendent, and School Superintendent at the polling location at the elementary school. Discussion included logistics, parking, barriers, evacuation plan, and alternate voting location. This meeting was extremely helpful in making the election a success. Also, the amount of workers was doubled to make sure voters could enter, vote, and exit as quickly and effortlessly as possible.

At the close of registration for this election, there were 7,901 voters registered. Voter turnout was steady and busy during the course of the election. A total of 6,367 voters, or 80.5% of voters turned out to cast their ballots. This included 639 absentee ballots and overseas ballots.

Election workers for this election were: Mary Geromini, Joyce Baldyga, Marylou Barton, Marilyn Cataldo, Joe Cormier, Martha DiChiara, Kendra Farling, Mary Fisher, Beth Gallagher, Mel Gouthro, Lynn Hallion, Chip Harris, Susan Harris, Pat Hubbell, Bill Jones, Nancy Laliberte, Keith Langer, Cheri Leonard, Anastacia Luce, Darryl Luce, Sara Marks, Ed Martisius, Sue Martisius, Nancy Mure, Nancy O'Reilly, Cindy O'Rourke, Maureen Osolnik, Fran Padula, Sharon Pazurcek, Karen Suchy, Linda Nolan, Sharon Ayres, Leo Immonen, Christine Jackson, Maryellen Fitzgerald, and Mary Kehrmeier.

Police officers on duty during the course of the day included: Officer Fred True, Officer Richard Gillespie, Officer Peter Preston, Officer Darrell True, Lt. Michael Robillard, Lt. William McGrath, Lt. George Labonte, and Officer Daniel Morris.

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The following notes were taken from the precinct clerks:

Precinct 1

Started with 300 ballots. Total delivered 2,000 by end of day.

Total spoiled ballots – 15.

Total absentee ballots – 192.

Provisional ballots – 2.

Total votes cast – 2,113.

Three voters were assisted with voting, two officials assisted.

The voting machine jammed several times. The count was noted, and the warden and a police officer unlocked the machine and took care of the jam. These jams were due to folded absentee ballots not depositing correctly into the ballot box. At 11:45 AM, the police officer, with the warden and town clerk present, emptied the ballots into a secured container that remained next to the workers and in plain view of the voters.

At 8:00 PM, the final tabulation was run and the ballots were taken out of the ballot box by a police officer, separated, examined, and all figures were reconciled.

Precinct 2

Started with 300 ballots. Total delivered 2,000 by end of day.

Total spoiled ballots – 23.

Provisional ballots – 2.

Total votes cast – 2,160.

There were several jams during the day, again because of folded absentee ballots. The officer on duty at the time, with the warden, cleared the jams and voting continued. At 1:06 PM, the ballot box was emptied, and the ballots were secured in a contained that was placed next to the workers and in view of the voters.

At 8:00 PM, the final tabulation was run and the ballots were taken out of the ballot box by a police officer, separated, examined, and all figures were reconciled.

Precinct 3

Started with 300. Total delivered by end of day – 2,000.

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Total spoiled ballots – 22.

Provisional ballots – 2.

Total votes cast – 2,073.

Jammed ballots occurred throughout the day. At 2:40 PM, the ballot box was emptied and the ballots secured in the plastic bin in view of the voters. One voter was wearing a political T-shirt and campaign button. He was asked to zip up his jacket and remove pin, in accordance with MGL's.

After close of elections, the final tabulation was run, and the ballots taken out of the ballot box and separated. Books and figures were reconciled.

There were a total of six provisional ballots for the entire election. The disposition of these ballots had to be determined within 12 days following the election. After investigation, all six ballots were found to be not allowed.

The deadline to receive UOCAVA (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) was November was November 16th. At 5:15 PM on that date, a meeting was held with the Board of Registrars to count the ballots. There were several ballots that did meet the criteria of postmark by November 6th and arrive by November 16th. The final tabulation was adjusted for these ballots, and the certified results were reported by computer and mailed to the State on Nov. 20, 2012.

All election ballots and associated materials were returned to Town Hall at approximately 12:00 midnight. Unofficial results were posted.

The Town Clerk was very pleased with how well the election proceeded. With help from the Assistant Town Clerk, Ellen Wojcik, the department heads previously mentioned, and volunteer Bill Jones, it was a well-planned election that ran extremely smooth. Compliments were received by the public. Also, thank you to the regular election workers, as well as new election workers and volunteers, and police officers who helped make the day a success.

A true copy, attest: Carol A. Mollica
Carol A. Mollica, Town Clerk

Final Results of the election:

TALLEY SHEET - 11-6-12

	PCT. 1	HC	PCT. 2	HC	PCT. 3	HC	UNOFFICIAL	HAND COUNT & CORE	FINAL COUNT
ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT									
Johnson and Gray	21		21		15		57	0	57
Obama and Biden	922		814		968		2704	14	2718
Romney and Ryan	1146		1310		1079		3535	7	3542
Stein and Honkala	14		10		8		32	0	32
WRITE-IN	8		2		1		11	-3	8
BLANK	2		3		2		7	3	10
TOTAL	2113		2160		2073		6346	21	6367
SENATOR IN CONGRESS									
Scott P. Brown	1475		1562		1405		4442	9	4451
Elizabeth A. Warren	627		592		649		1868	11	1879
WRITE-IN	0		1		4		5	-2	3
BLANK	11		5		15		31	3	34
TOTAL	2113		2160		2073		6346	21	6367
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS									
Sean Biebat	1051		1180		988		3219	7	3226
Joseph P. Kennedy, III	960		864		978		2802	9	2811
David A. Rosa	63		58		54		175	2	177
WRITE-IN	0		0		1		1	0	1
BLANK	39		58		52		149	3	152
TOTAL	2113		2160		2073		6346	21	6367
COUNCILLOR									
Robert L. Jubinville	678		615		694		1987	6	1993
Earl H. Sholley	1129		1249		1097		3475	4	3479
WRITE-IN	5		3		11		19	-2	17
BLANK	301		293		271		865	13	878
TOTAL	2113		2160		2073		6346	21	6367
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT									
Richard J. Ross	1779		1875		1764		5418	10	5428
WRITE-IN	24		17		23		64	-3	61
BLANK	310		268		286		864	14	878
TOTAL	2113		2160		2073		6346	21	6367
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT									
Daniel B. Winslow	1665		1748		1646		5059	10	5069

