

State Primary Recount- Notes

September 14, 2018

Attendance-

Dianne Reardon, Town Clerk, Lancaster
Melissa Pelletier, Assistant Town Clerk, Lancaster
Everett Moody, Lieutenant Lancaster Police
Gregg Corbo, Town Counsel
Anne Kadlec, Election Worker
Mary Perreira, Registrar
Elizabeth Cahill, Registrar
Mandy Cannon, Election Warden
Jeanne Rich, Election Warden
Anne Kadlec, Election Worker
George Davis, Election Worker
Karen Davis, Election Worker
Kathleen Suits, Election Worker
Mary de Alderete, Town Clerk, Carlisle
Katelyn Huffman, City Clerk, Leominster

Brian Martin, Lori Trahan
Kathleen Ryder, Lori Trahan
Elvie Hobbs, Lori Trahan
Margaret Sullivan, Lori Trahan Campaign
Steve Philbin, Lori Trahan Observer

Joseph Callahan, Dan Koh Legal Counsel
Brian Golden, Dan Koh Legal Counsel
James Cody, Dan Koh
Abbi Agarwal, Dan Koh
Justin Curtis, Dan Koh

2:42 p.m. – Dianne Reardon, Melissa Pelletier, Lieutenant Moody, Mandy Cannon, Town Counsel and representatives from both parties went to acquire ballots from the vault. Arrived back at Town Hall 2:46 p.m.

2:48 p.m. – Campaign representatives- Joseph Callahan (KOH) Brian Golden (KOH) asked why boxes were sealed and unsealed and the reasoning behind it. Dianne explained everything is documented once sealed and resealed with reasoning. Koh's legal counsel requested photos of boxes with seals and reasonings. Town Counsel informed them all requests be made through Town Counsel and all requests be made in writing.

2:52 p.m. – Town Counsel instructed all workers to wait until 3:00 p.m. to begin counting ballots in blocks of 50 and starting recount. Town Counsel gives instructions on how recount will work.

3:01 p.m. – Everyone takes places. Mary Perreira Registrar opens meeting.

Greg Corb, Town Counsel gives overview and instructions, only counting democratic ballots.

Anyone not part of the recount must be behind the guardrail.

Town Counsel goes on to explain administrative issues-

1 Rejected Provisional Ballot

1 Absentee Ballot that was filed on time was not counted due to administrative oversee.

Registrars will deal with both occurrences.

3:14 p.m. – Melissa Pelletier opens Precinct 1 Box. Distributes ballots to tables to be counted.

3:16 p.m. – Not all ballots are sorted by party. Town Counsel instructs workers to first sort by party. Then by blocks of 50. 320 Democratic Ballots are counted and returned to the box.

3:29 p.m. – Melissa Pelletier opens Precinct 2 Box. Distributes ballots to tables to be counted. 346 Democratic Ballots are counted and returned to the box.

3:37 p.m. – Begin counting ballots for precinct 1.

3:41 p.m. – Table mislabeled their tally sheet. Town Counsel voided out sheet and started over with a new sheet.

3:45 p.m. – PCT 1 Block 3 received at the Tally Clerk

3:46 p.m. – Challenge vote table 2.

3:49 p.m. – Challenge Count Table 2.

3:51 p.m. – PCT 1 Block 4 received at the Tally Clerk.

3:52 p.m. – Table 2 Challenged block thought it was 51, recounted indeed 50. PCT 1 Block 2

3:52 p.m. – PCT 1 Block 2 received at the Tally Clerk.

3:55 p.m. – PCT 1 Block 1 received at the Tally Clerk.

3:56 p.m. – PCT 1 Block 5 received at the Tally Clerk.

3:59 p.m. – PCT 1 Block 6 received at the Tally Clerk.

3:56 p.m. – PCT 1 Block 5 received at the Tally Clerk.

3:59 p.m. – PCT 1 Block 6 received at the Tally Clerk.

4:00 p.m. – PCT 1 Block 7 received at the Tally Clerk.

4:01 p.m. – Provisional Ballot. Dianne presents provisional ballot to registrars. Could not find any evidence of voter registration, denied by the Town Clerk. Voter turned 18 in March of 2017, thought he sent voter registration card back but no registration was on file.

Motion by Elizabeth Cahill, 2nd by Mary Perreira.

Moved to deny counting of the provisional ballot and abide by Town Clerk decision due to voter not being registered to vote.

Vote- Unanimous – Provisional Ballot not counted motion carries.

Mary Perreira- move to count absentee Ballot that was not counted due to admin error but received in time. 2nd by Elizabeth Cahill Vote- Unanimous. Absentee ballot brought to table 3 to be counted, given its own block number- PCT 1 Block 9

4:15 p.m. – PCT 2 Block 3 received at the Tally Clerk.

4:17 p.m. – PCT 2 Block 2 received at the Tally Clerk.

4:18 p.m. – PCT 2 Block 1 received at the Tally Clerk.

4:21 p.m. – Challenged vote by Koh Representatives. Brought to the registrars. Caller counted vote for Trahan. Claims intent of voter unclear.

Cahill moves that should submit vote for Trahan, Perreira seconds the motion. Vote- Unanimous – Provisional Ballot not counted motion carries.

Koh campaign wishes for further challenge. Vote to be returned to table and counted as Trahan, then brought back to main table and will segregated and sealed and marked accordingly.
PCT 2 BLOCK 4

4:32 p.m. – PCT 2 Block 6 received at the Tally Clerk.

4:34 p.m. – PCT 2 Block 5 received at the Tally Clerk.

4:35 p.m. – PCT 2 Block 4 received at the Tally Clerk.

4:37 p.m. – PCT 2 Block 7 received at the Tally Clerk.

4:50 p.m. – 5:03 p.m. Reconfirm tallies and grand totals.

5:04 p.m. – Total Vote for each Candidate read.

Elizabeth Cahill Motion to accept results as read by Tally Clerk. 2nd by Mary Perreira
Vote- Unanimous – Motion Carries

Elizabeth Cahill Motion to adjourn
Mary Perreira seconded
Vote- unanimous

Meeting adjourned 5:07 p.m.

Minutes by Katelynn Huffman