# Presidential Primary – March 5, 2024

EARLY VOTING

Early voting was provided for the Presidential Primary. Early mail in voting began on Monday, January 29, 2024 and ended on Friday, March 1, 2024. The State of Massachusetts mailed out Early Vote By Mail Application cards to every registered voter in the State of Massachusetts on January 8, 2024. Early voting in person began Saturday February 24, 2024 and ended Friday March 1, 2024. There were 249 requests for early voting by mail, 153 ballots were returned and counted, 3 were returned after the deadline and not counted. 27 voters voted in person over the specified early voting period. Voters checked in with the Clerk, each was given a ballot and an early voting envelope. Voters voted their ballot, completed the affirmation on the envelope and inserted the ballot in the envelope and returned the ballot to the Clerk. Ballots were held in a collection envelope and at the end of each early voting session ballots were stored in a bin which was sealed each night and kept in locked storage.

The listing below shows early voting hours, numbers of votes cast and the numbered strips that were used to seal the ballot box each day. Each morning the Automark voting machine was checked to assure it was operating correctly. Test ballots were stored in a spoiled ballot envelope in the bin with the early votes.

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| **Date** |  | **Votes Cast** | **Zip Strips used** |
| January 29, 2024 | 8:00 am – 6 pm | Mail In | 0653460 |
| January 31, 2024 | 8:00 am – 2 pm | Mail In | 0653468 |
| February 1, 2024 | 8:00 am – 2 pm | Mail In | 0653469 |
| February 5, 2024 | 8:00 am – 6 pm | Mail In | 0653467 |
| February 6, 2024  February 7, 2024  February 8, 2024  February 12, 2024  February 13, 2024  February 15, 2024  February 15, 2024  February 20, 2024  February 21, 2024  February 22, 2024  February 24, 2024  February 26, 2024  February 27, 2024  February 28, 2024  February 29, 2024  March 1, 2024 | 8:00 am – 2 pm  8:00 am – 2 pm  8:00 am – 2 pm  8:00 am – 6 pm  8:00 am – 2 pm  8:00 am – 2:oo pm  8:00 am – 2:00 pm  8:00 am – 2:00 pm  8:00 am – 2:00 pm  8:00 am – 2:00 pm  9:00 am – 11:00 am  3:00 pm – 5:00 pm  8:00 am – 6:00 pm  12:00 pm – 5:00 pm 8:00am – 2:00pm  9:00am - 12:oopm  8:00am – 2:00pm  9:00am - 12:oopm  8:00am – 2:00pm  9:00am - 12:oopm  8:00am – 12:00pm  9:00am - 12:oopm | Mail In  Mail In  Mail In  Mail In  Mail In  Mail In  Mail In  Mail In  Mail In  Mail In  Mail In  Mail In  Mail In  In Person  Mail In  In Person  Mail In  In Person  Mail In  In Person  Mail In  In Person | 0653449  0653466  0653439  0653459  0653448  0653446  0653447  0653458  0653457  0653456  0653417  0653419  0653426  0653430  0653418 |

After Early Voting was completed, all ballots were alphabetized and stored in the plastic bin to be processed on Election Day March 5.

# Prior to Election Day

Ballots received were counted and totals were as follows

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| Early/Absentee Ballots | Republican | 200 |
|  | Democrat | 300 |
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|  | Libertarian | 25 |
| Official Ballots | Republican | 300 |
|  | Democrat | 800 |
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|  | Libertarian | 10 |
| Automark Ballots | Republican | 100 |
|  | Democrat | 100 |
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| **Election Day** | Libertarian | 100 |

Polls opened at 7:00 a.m. on a chilly, rainy winter morning. Temperatures were in the 30’s at the start of the day and raised to near 45 by the end of the day. Polls closed at 8:00 p.m.

Election Officers:

Betty Orloski 6:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Ruth Fairman-Leahy 6:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Kristjan Viise, Constable 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Jaxon Lavallee 6:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Jessica Murphy 6:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

George Pappas 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Beth Lukin 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

John Lukin 10:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Maryann Sadoski 3:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Fred Orloski 3:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Tom Mahar, Constable 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Allison Bardwell 3:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Jaxon Lavallee 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Amy Lavallee, Warden & Clerk 6:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

At the opening of the polls, and before any ballots were cast, the Ballot Box register indicated 000; and at the close of the polls the Ballot Box register indicated 242. There are 1190 Active Registered Voters and 74 Inactive voters on the voter lists. Early voting by mail ballots included 107 Democrats, 43 Republican and 1 Libertarian. Early In Person ballots included 16 Democrat 11 Republican and 0 Libertarian. At the close of polls the officers in charge of the voting lists counted and announced the whole number of names check on said list to be 245. The number of Democratic voters was 244. The number of Republican voters was 179. The number of Libertarian were 2. The presiding officer then removed the ballots from the box and caused them to be counted one by one, and announced the whole number of ballots cast as 423. The ballots having been duly sorted and counted were recorded and declared in open meeting to be as set forth in the official record. The count was completed at 9:45 p.m. All voted ballots were placed in the ballot storage box and sealed with strip tie 0653436. The following day 3 voters who cast a provisional ballot were investigated, 2 were found to be eligible to vote and 1 was deemed ineligible bringing the total number of votes to 423. The provision ballots were added to the voted ballot box and sealed with strips 0653436.

Canvas of votes:

# Democratic Party

Presidential Preference (Vote for One)

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Dean Phillips | 6 |
| Joseph R. Biden | 216 |
| Marianne Williamson | 5 |
| No Preference | 13 |

All Others 3

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| Blanks | 1 |
| Total Votes Cast | 244 |

Democratic Party Continued

State Committee Man (Vote for One) Hampshire, Franklin & Worcester District Sherwood Guersney 190

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Total Votes Cast 244

State Committee Woman (Vote for One) Hampshire, Franklin & Worcester District

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| --- | --- |
| Marietta Rose Rapetti Cawse | 108 |
| Megan Elise Arvin | 61 |
| All Others  Blanks | 10  65 |
| Total Votes Cast | 244 |
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Democratic Town Committee – (Vote for Ten) No Candidate received the required 5 votes.

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| All Others |  |
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| Blanks | 244 |
| Total Votes Cast | 244 |

# Republican Party

Presidential Preference (Vote for One)

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| --- | --- |
| Chris Christie | 1 |
| Ryan Binkley | 0 |
| Vivek Ramaswamey | 0 |
| Asa Hutchinson  Donald J. Trump  Ron DeSantis  Nikki Haley | 0  90  0  83 |
| No Preference | 2 |
| Blanks | 0 |
| Total Votes Cast | 179 |

State Committee Man (Vote for One) Hampshire, Franklin & Worcester District Nicholas A. Boldyga 112

Blanks 67

Total Votes Cast 179

State Committee Woman (Vote for One) Hampshire, Franklin & Worcester District Jessica L. Boldyga 107

Blanks 72

Total Votes Cast 179

Republican Town Committee (Vote for 16) (No candidate received the required 5 votes) Write Ins 6

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Total Votes Cast 179

# Libertarian Party

Presidential Preference

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| --- | --- |
| Jacob George Hornberger | 0 |
| Michael D. Rechtenwald | 0 |
| Chase Russell Oliver | 0 |
| Michael Ter Mat | 0 |
| Lars Damian Mapstead | 0 |
| No Preference | 1 |
| Blanks | 1 |
| Total Votes Cast | 2 |
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State Committee Man (Vote for One) Hampshire, Franklin & Worcester District Blanks 2

Total Votes Cast 2

State Committee Woman (Vote for One) Hampshire, Franklin & Worcester District Blanks 2

Total Votes Cast 2

Libertarian Town Committee (Vote for 10)

Blanks 2

Total Votes Cast 2

A true record,

Attest:

Amy E. Lavallee

Town Clerk

Town of Whately