

Annual Election – June 9, 2020

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic and efforts to keep people safe by social distancing the Annual Town Election was held at the Whately Elementary School, 273 Long Plain Road. Polls opened at Noon on a sunny warm spring day on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. Temperatures were in the 70's. Polls closed at 6 p.m.

Election Officers – Town Clerk Lynn Sibley requested a waiver to have only one person at the check-in table and one person at the check out table. Election workers included a person to ask health related questions, a person to manage the social distancing of the voters, a check in person, a check out person, a warden who managed the ballot box, the constable, Clerk and a person to wipe down voting booths after voters voted.

Estibaliz McCoy	11:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Dominique Whitney	11:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Montserrat Archbald	11:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Claire Patton	11:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Robin Gurdak-Foley	11:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Janet Scully	11:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Thomas Mahar – Constable	11:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Randy Sibley	6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Lynn Sibley – Clerk	11:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

At the opening of the polls, and before any ballots were cast, the Ballot Box register indicated 000 and was declared empty; and at the close of the polls the Ballot Box register indicated 208. There were 1208 voters eligible to vote in this election. The officers in charge of the voting lists counted and announced the whole number of names checked on said list to be 208. 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 to be 208. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the legislature voted to allow early voting by mail for municipal elections for this year. Included in the count were 8 absentee ballots. One hundred eighty-eight early voting ballots were requested and 165 were returned. Eight absentee ballots were requested and all were returned by the close of polls. Two early voting ballots were rejected because the envelope was not completed. There were no provisional ballots. The ballots having been duly sorted and counted were recorded and declared in open meeting to be as set forth in the official record. All Ballots were placed in a storage box and sealed with 1 yellow zip strip #0190259 and a label. Count was completed at 7:30 p.m.

Canvas of votes:

Moderator – One year

Nathanael A. Fortune	175	Elected
Richard Smith - write-in	7	
All Others – write-ins	2	
Blanks	<u>24</u>	
Total votes cast	208	

Selectman – Three years		
Joyce Palmer Fortune	180	Elected
All Others – write-ins	5	
Blanks	<u>23</u>	
Total votes cast	208	

School Committee – Three-year term		
Maureen Nichols – write-in	53	Elected
David Theoharides – write-in	4	
All Others -write-in	2	
Blanks	<u>149</u>	
Total votes cast	208	

Assessor – Three-year term		
Melanie Chorak – write-in	20	Elected
All Other – write-ins	2	
Blanks	<u>186</u>	
Total votes cast	208	

Library Trustees – Three-year terms (Two)		
Sheila Powers	188	Elected
Cynthia W. Allen	174	Elected
Kenneth Moulton – write-in	4	
All others – write ins	2	
Blanks	<u>48</u>	
Total votes cast	416	

Library Trustee – Two Year Term		
Megan West – write-in	13	Elected
All Others (write-in)	1	
Blanks	<u>194</u>	
Total votes cast	208	

Cemetery Commissioner – Three-year term		
Ryan Brown – write-in	38	Elected
All Others – write-ins	5	
Blanks	<u>165</u>	
Total votes cast	208	

Board of Health – Three-year term		
Rebecca Jones	197	Elected
Blanks	<u>11</u>	
Total votes cast	208	

Water Commissioner – Three-year term

Georgeann Dufault	193	Elected
All Others – write-ins	2	
Blanks	<u>13</u>	
Total votes cast	208	

Elector Under Oliver Smith Will – One-year term

Adelia Bardwell	197	Elected
Blanks	<u>11</u>	
Total votes cast	208	

A true record,
Attest:

 CMMC, MMC
Lynn M. Sibley, CMMC, MMC
Town Clerk