

Deputy Moderator Reports That Andover's Election Went Smoothly

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Lee Wells, Deputy Moderator

Despite concerns from the press and the government that the General Election could be facing a "heightened threat" on Election Day, everything in Andover went smoothly and uneventfully!

It takes a lot of people to make an election run smoothly. Our election went well, thanks to the efforts of our Town Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Supervisors of the check-list, faculty and staff of AE/MS, and our Police Department. Additionally, 48 volunteers took on a variety of tasks: volunteers assembled the polling station on Monday, on Tuesday they greeted and checked people in, 18 teams counted ballots, and three teams entered data. Six people did double shifts, and a good number of people put in a 17 hour day.

1222 votes were cast in Andover, 74 were absentee (including three from overseas), and 85 people registered to vote on Election day. It was a busy day and, although there was a steady stream of voters throughout the day, there was

never more than a minute or two wait to check-in and receive a ballot. At the end of the day, we had 1817 names on the check-list for a voter turn-out of 67%.

Highlights of the day included Andover getting a "good report" from the official Investigator from the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office. (Investigators are sent to check out every polling station on Election Day.) There was also an "official election challenger" observing our election. This is a person appointed by the state committee of a political party to act as a challenger of voters at the polling place. The challenger assigned to Andover stated that our election "restored my faith" in the election process.

Highlights of the day for me personally were seeing young people excited to be voting for the first time. It was also very gratifying that so many voters came through and thanked the poll workers for their efforts.

I'd like to thank all the people: officials, workers and voters alike, who did so much to make sure that this election went so smoothly. It wouldn't have happened without you. Thank you!



A warmly dressed crowd of around 50 Andover area Democrats gathered at the Andover Barn on November 20 to thank their candidates. Gubernatorial candidate Dr. Tom Sherman, as well as local state representative and state senate candidates, discussed the recent midterm election. Caption and photo: Susan Chase

Below is a facsimile of the ballot for the general election of November 8. The first number for each candidate is Andover votes; the second is total votes. The winner in contested races is in boldface.

Offices	Other Candidates	Democratic Candidates	Republican Candidates	Write-in Candidates
For Governor Vote for not more than 1	Libertarian Kelly Halldorson 19 / 5,071 Libertarian Karlyn Borysenko 3 / 2,772	Tom Sherman 550 / 256,766	Chris Sununu 632 / 342,813	Governor 6 / 1,713
For United States Senator Vote for not more than 1	Libertarian Jeremy Kauffman 18 / 12,390	Maggie Hassan 652 / 333,193	Donald C. Bolduc 547 / 275,928	United States Senator 0 / 464
For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1		Ann McLane Kuster 656 / 171,636	Robert Burns 549 / 135,579	Representative in Congress 3 / 369
For Executive Council Vote for not more than 1		Cinde Warmington 602 / 74,107	Harold F. French 585 / 49,428	Executive Council 2 / 77
For State Senator Vote for not more than 1		Richard A. Lobban, Jr. 588 / 11,146	Daniel E. Innis 595 / 13,413	State Senator 2 / 34
For State Representatives Merrimack District 5 Vote for not more than 2		Ken Wells 614 / 1,741 Lorna Carlisle 581 / 1,659	Deborah Aylward 434 / 1,778 Louise Andrus 531 / 1,989	- / - State Representatives Merrimack District 5
For State Representative Merrimack District 26 Vote for not more than 1		David A. Nesbitt 628 / 4,526	Alvin See 551 / 5,142	State Representative Merrimack District 26 - / 5
For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1	Libertarian Ben Weir 55 / 2,970	David A. Croft 612 / 33,788	Keith Mitchell 525 / 31,428	Sheriff 1 / 87
For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1		Paul Halvorsen 1,152 / 66,419	Paul Halvorsen	County Attorney 4 / 161
For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1		Susan Cragin 576 / 33,503	Mary R. Heath 601 / 33,615	County Treasurer 0 / 31
For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1		Erica Davis 589 / 34,328	Peter J. Spaulding 588 / 32,845	Register of Deeds 0 / 37
For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1		Jane Bradstreet 605 / 36,186	Scott Maltzie 563 / 30,689	Register of Probate 0 / 36
For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1		David B. Karrick, Jr. 600 / 10,852	Stuart D. Trachy 581 / 12,940	County Commissioner 0 / 16

Constitutional Amendment Proposed by the 2022 General Court

1. "Are you in favor of amending articles 71 and 81 of the second part of the constitution to read as follows: [Art.] 71. [County Treasurers, County Attorneys, Sheriffs, and Registers of Deeds Elected.] The county treasurers, county attorneys, sheriffs and registers of deeds, shall be elected by the inhabitants of the several towns, in the several counties in the State, according to the method now practiced, and the laws of the state, provided nevertheless the legislature shall have authority to alter the manner of certifying the votes, and the mode of electing those officers; but not so as to deprive the people of the right they now have of electing them.

[Art.] 81. [Judges Not to Act as Counsel.] No judge shall be of counsel, act as advocate, or receive any fees as advocate or counsel, in any probate business which is pending, or may be brought into any court of probate in the county of which he or she is judge." (Passed by the N.H. House 294 Yes 43 No; Passed by Senate 21 Yes 3 No.) CACR 21

Yes 649 / **329,157** No 464 / 194,291

Question Proposed pursuant to Part II, Article 100 of the New Hampshire Constitution

2. "Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the constitution?"

Yes 351 / 178,339 No 776 / **347,838**

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157 Main St., Andover, NH

DECEMBER AND JANUARY PROGRAMS/SERVICES

- "The Giving Tree:"** Thru 12/18. Gift card collection to help our neighbors
- Bone Builders:** Ongoing senior exercise class, Mon. & Thur. 9-10 am
- Coffee, Conversation & Card Sharks:** Drop in, Mon. & Thur. 10-11 am
- Scent Work for Dogs:** Mon./Wed, 4-6:30 pm. Ravenwds75@gmail.com
- Bingo:** Drop in, Tuesdays, 1 pm. \$5 for the pot, ten rounds played
- Stitch & Bitch Craft Circle:** Tue. 6:30 pm. Chat while working on crafts
- Parent/Child Playgroup:** Wed. 10:30 am-12 pm. Info, Alison 505-234-5784
- Gentle Flow Yoga:** Fri. 8:30-9:30 am, monthly series. Info, 603-661-8587
- Senior Health Clinic:** Tue. 12/13 & 1/10. Call VNA, 603-224-4093, ext. 5815
- Coffeeshouse:** Fri. 12/16, 7 pm. "The Mink Hills Band" Highland Lake Grange
- Holiday Open House @ Hub:** Sun. 12/18, 3-5 pm. Singing, Santa's village
- The Geology of Andover:** Wed. 1/11, 7 pm. Salisbury geologist Joe Schmidl
- Coffeeshouse:** Fri. 1/20, 7 pm. Feature Holly Furlone, Highland Lake Grange
- Showing of Hamilton:** Sun. 1/22, 2-5 pm. Popcorn, beverages, \$10 donation
- German Conversation Hour:** Mon. 1/30, 5 pm. Gisela Darling, 603-735-5681

For more information on any of the above, contact
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