

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MAY 9, 2006**

Pursuant to the Selectmen's warrant of March 28, 2006, the annual town election was held in Center School Gymnasium/Auditorium and was called to order at 7:00 a.m. to act on Article 44 of the annual town meeting warrant.

After examining the ballot box and finding it empty and in good order, the counter was set to zero. The ballot box was then locked and the keys delivered to the Warden who declared the polls open.

During polling hours forty-six absentee ballots were opened, recorded and cast into the ballot box. There were nineteen spoiled ballots received from voters and these voters were given a replacement ballot. The polls were declared closed at 8:00 p.m., with 1391 ballots cast. The total number of registered voters in Stow was 4348. Thirty-one percent of the registered voters voted at this election.

At 10:30 p.m. the final results were announced as follows:

Selectman* (two - three year terms)		Randall Library Trustee* (two – three year terms)	
Joseph C. Hogan, III	608	Harold B. Donahue, Jr. (Incumbent)	959
Domenic A. Lamorticelli	58	Pierie O'Connor	92
Jason S. Robart	909	Blanks	1715
Thomas H. Ruggiero	845	Scatterings	16
Blanks	329		
Scatterings	33		
Assessor (one - three year term)		Randall Library Trustee (one – one year term)	
John Paul Bolton (Incumbent)	1002	Alison M. Campbell (Incumbent)	996
Blanks	387	Blanks	386
Scatterings	2	Scatterings	9
Nashoba Reg. School District Committee (one - three year term)		Stow Housing Authority (one – five year term)	
David C. Horne	998	John J. Kendra (Incumbent)	972
Blanks	381	Blanks	416
Scatterings	12	Scatterings	3
Board of Health (one - three year term)		Stow Housing Authority (one – one year term)	
Marcia B. Rising (Incumbent)	1061	Write-ins:	
Blanks	328	Greg Jones (Declined election)	4
Scatterings	2	Michael Kopcynski	3
		Write-ins (one vote each)	28
		Blanks	1356
Planning Board (one –five year term)			
Leonard H. Golder	883		
Blanks	489		
Scatterings	19		

**Please note: total number of votes in the 'vote for two' races will be twice the number of ballots cast.*

QUESTION 1. Shall this town approve the charter amendment as previously approved by the town meeting summarized below?

Article VIII Transitional Provisions

Amendment deletes transitional provisions in their entirety as they are no longer applicable.

Yes 1021 No 104 Blanks 266

QUESTION 2. Shall this town approve the charter amendment as previously approved by the town meeting summarized below?

Article IV Town Administrator – Section 4-6: Selecting a Town Administrator

Amendment adds new Section 4-6, language of which formerly appeared in deleted Article VIII Transitional Provisions, and amends provisions for formation of a screening committee.

Yes 1010 No 106 Blanks 275

QUESTION 3. Shall this town approve the charter amendment as previously approved by the town meeting summarized below?

Article V Administrative Organization – Section 5-5:

Town Administrative Organization

Amendment adds new Section 5-5, language of which formerly appeared in deleted Article VIII Transitional Provisions, and updates list of those officers and staff to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health.

Yes 1009 No 98 Blanks 284

QUESTION 4. Shall this town approve the charter amendment as previously approved by the town meeting summarized below?

Article IV Town Administrator – Section 4-1: Appointment Qualifications; Term

Amendment changes reference to screening committee establishment from deleted Section 8-5(b) to new Section 4-6.

Yes 977 No 106 Blanks 308

QUESTION 5. Shall this town approve the charter amendment as previously approved by the town meeting summarized below?

Article IV Town Administrator – Section 4-4: Acting Town Administrator,

(b) Vacancy

Amendment to (b) changes reference of deleted Section 8-4(b) to new Section 4-6.

Yes 973 No 105 Blanks 313

QUESTION 6. Shall this town approve the charter amendment as previously approved by the town meeting summarized below?

Article VI Finance and Fiscal Procedures – Section 7: Capital Outlay Program

Amendment requires submission of a capital outlay program by the Capital Planning Committee, rather than by the Town Administrator. Also changes submission to approximately 60 days from town meeting rather than 120 days. The capital outlay program to be revised annually and a report to be distributed with the Finance Committee report.

Yes 953 No 327 Blanks 111

QUESTION 7. Shall this town approve the charter amendment as previously approved by the town meeting summarized below?

Article VII General Provisions Section 7-5: Definitions

Amendment deletes (a) "Capital Outlays", adds a new definition "Town Bulletin Board", and re-letters the section accordingly.

Yes 939 No 94 Blanks 358

QUESTION 8. Shall this town approve the charter amendment as previously approved by the town meeting summarized below?

Article III Elected Officials Section 3-1: General Provisions

(a) Elected Offices

Amendment intends to eliminate confusion with regard to school committees and deletes the wording "unless superseded by a regional agreement" after the words "school committee(s)".

Yes 975 No 73 Blanks 343

QUESTION 9. Shall this town approve the charter amendment as previously approved by the town meeting summarized below?

Article III Elected Officials Section 3-3: School Committee(s)

Amendment adds the sentence: "There shall be schools governed by local or regional school committees as determined by town meeting vote." Revisions made to (b) regional school committee.

Yes 972 No 84 Blanks 335

QUESTION 10. Shall this town approve the charter amendment as previously approved by the town meeting summarized below?

Article IV Town Administrator Section 4-2(h): Powers and Duties

The paragraph concerns rental and use of all town facilities and property except school property and property under control of the Conservation Commission. The Town Administrator may become responsible for school property if so voted by the local school committee. (added "local")

Yes 928 No 119 Blanks 344

QUESTION 11. Shall this town approve the charter amendment as previously approved by the town meeting summarized below?

Article IV Town Administrator Section 4-2(j): Powers and Duties

The paragraph concerns inventory of all property of the town, including that under the jurisdiction of the local school committee. (added "local")

Yes 943 No 90 Blanks 358

QUESTION 12. Shall the town approve the charter amendment as previously approved by the town meeting summarized below?

Article VI Finance and Fiscal Procedure Section 6.6:

Local School Committee Budget

Amendment adds the word "local" before the words "school committee" wherever they appear.

Yes 952 No 81 Blanks 358

QUESTION 13. Shall the town approve the charter amendment as previously approved by the town meeting summarized below?

Article VII General Provisions Section 7-7: Periodic Review of Charter and Bylaws (c) Master Plan Committee

Amendment removes Zoning Bylaw review from this section as the Planning Board is charged with presentation of revisions to that document. Amendment changes membership of the Master Plan Committee from 9 to 7 and from 4 to 2 at large.

Yes 878 No 142 Blanks 371

QUESTION 14. Shall the town approve the charter amendment as previously approved by the town meeting summarized below?

Article II Legislative Branch Section 2-2: Presiding Officer

Amendment broadens the scope of the purposes for which the moderator may appoint a deputy moderator and clarifies the term "temporary moderator".

Yes 932 No 97 Blanks 362

QUESTION 15. Shall the town approve the charter amendment as previously approved by the town meeting summarized below?

Article II Legislative Branch Section 2-7 (a) and (c)

Amends the reference to town meeting from "regular" to "annual" for consistency with bylaws and town documents.

Yes 960 No 69 Blanks 362

QUESTION 16. Shall the town approve the charter amendment as previously approved by the town meeting summarized below?

Article VII General Provisions Section 7-7: Periodic Review of Charter and Bylaws (a) Charter Review

Amendment clarifies the date upon which the charter shall be reviewed: at least once in every ten years.

Yes 968 No 65 Blanks 358

QUESTION 17. Shall the town approve the charter amendment as previously approved by the town meeting summarized below?

Article VII General Provisions Section 7-8: Procedures Governing Multiple Member Bodies (a) Meetings

Amendment clarifies the procedures by which a multiple member body may call a special meeting.

Yes 943 No 87 Blanks 361

QUESTION 18. Shall the town approve the charter amendment as previously approved by the town meeting summarized below?

Article VI Finance and Fiscal Procedures Section 6-2: Submission of Budget and Budget Message (a)

Amendment deletes paragraph (a) concerning submission of budgets for the town meeting as this paragraph is now included in the general bylaws as Section 10 of Article 4.

Yes 932 No 87 Blanks 372

Election Workers

Warden

Philip J. Detsch

Ballot Box Officers

Carol J. Dudley

Ballot Counters

Anne C. Draudt

Utahna G. Hallet

Nancy L. Harris

Joanne C. Newman

Diane L. Parker

Ellen S. Sturgis

Deputy Warden

Newton P. Wesley

Checkers

Janet Derby

Betty Holly

Elizabeth D. MacGilvra

Eila J. Makey

Judith A. Scraggs – Deputy Clerk

Clerk

Helen R. Faford