

Monday, November 13, 2018

This statement is to inform the Town of Somers of three clerical errors which occurred during the calculation of the election results for November 6th. These errors occurred in the results for Questions #1, #6 and the Attorney General position. These numbers were submitted by a non partisan moderator and assistant registrars at 1:30AM on Wednesday morning after these individuals had been working at the polls since 5AM Tuesday. These numbers were calculated and submitted with integrity and in good faith by individuals of multiple parties.

On Wednesday the Secretary of State asked for a detailed breakdown of all Yes and No questions to be submitted by 4PM on Friday. Two Assistant Registrars of different parties rechecked all results totals. Due to the wet ballots jamming tabulator #1, 2 tabulators were used for the election, resulting in 2 tapes needing to be added for the results. At this time a clerical error was discovered for State Question #1. It was determined that the absentee ballot count was included twice in the total. The original number was Yes: 3402, No: 529. The new totals were Yes: 3402, No: 501. The count for the Attorney General position for Susan Hatfield increased from 2660 to 2671. Neither of these corrections impacted the outcomes. A clerical error was also discovered for the Yes vote for Question #6. Question #6 was originally calculated as yes: 1289, no: 1669. The new total was determined to be 2456 Yes votes. The No votes remained unchanged at 1669. The clerical error occurred when the Yes votes from one tape were inadvertently added to the blank ballot count from the second tape.

At this point the Assistant Registrars notified the Registrar of Voters that there was a discrepancy. The new numbers were submitted to the Secretary of State and the Town Clerk was notified. Due to the Town Hall hours and the holiday, the Moderator, Assistant Registrars, Registrar of Voters and Town Clerk notified the First Selectman of the clerical errors at the opening of business on Tuesday, November 13th.

Respectfully Submitted,

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