

Post-Election Audit Form

For each precinct audited, please provide the following information:

Municipality: AMHERST Precinct: 1

I. As recorded in the audit hand count:

AUDIT HAND COUNT	Total number of ballots counted	1,087
	Votes for President and Vice President	
	Candidate	Votes
	CLINTON AND KAINE	854
	JOHNSON AND WELD	33
	STEIN AND BARAKA	79
	TRUMP AND PENCE	92
	Certified Write-In: WILLIAM FEEGBEH AND STEVE O'BRIEN	0
	Certified Write-In: LAURENCE KOTLIKOFF AND EDWARD LEAMER	0
	Certified Write-In: MONICA MOOREHEAD AND LAMONT LILLY	0
	Certified Write-In: MARSHAL SCHOENKE AND JAMES CREIGHTON MITCHEL, JR.	0
	Certified Write-In: EVAN MCMULLIN AND NATHAN JOHNSON	0
	All others	19
	Blanks	10
Overvotes	0	

Municipality: AMHERST Precinct: 1

Votes for Representative in Congress	
Candidate	Votes
NON CONTESTED RACE	
All others	
Blanks	
Overvotes	

Votes for Senator in General Court	
Candidate	Votes
STANLEY C. ROSENBERG	886
DONALD PELTIER	102
All others	5
Blanks	94
Overvotes	0

Municipality: AMHERST Precinct: 1

Votes for Representative in the General Court	
Candidate	Votes
NON CONTESTED RACE	
All others	
Blanks	
Overvotes	

Votes for Ballot Question	
The number of yes and no votes for Ballot Question #1	
	Votes
Yes	293
No	738
Blanks	56
Overvotes	0

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II. The number of votes hand counted during the audit for each contest for which voter intent is discernible but that are not marked by the voter according to the instructions provided to the voters under G.L. c. 54, § 48:

Number	15
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III. As recorded from the election night tallies:

ELECTION NIGHT	Total number of ballots counted	1,203
	Votes for President and Vice President	
	Candidate	Votes
	CLINTON AND Kaine	955
	JOHNSON AND WELD	37
	STEIN AND BARAKA	79
	TRUMP AND PENCE	101
	Certified Write-In: WILLIAM FEEGBEH AND STEVE O'BRIEN	0
	Certified Write-In: LAURENCE KOTLIKOFF AND EDWARD LEAMER	0
	Certified Write-In: MONICA MOOREHEAD AND LAMONT LILLY	0
	Certified Write-In: MARSHAL SCHOENKE AND JAMES CREIGHTON MITCHEL, JR.	0
	Certified Write-In: EVAN MCMULLIN AND NATHAN JOHNSON	0
	All others	21
	Blanks	10
Overvotes	0	

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Votes for Representative in Congress	
Candidate	Votes
NON CONTESTED RACE	
All others	
Blanks	
Overvotes	

Votes for Senator in General Court	
Candidate	Votes
STANLEY C. ROSENBERG	982
DONALD PELTIER	114
All others	7
Blanks	100
Overvotes	0

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ELECTION NIGHT		Votes for Representative in the General Court	
		Candidate	Votes
		NON CONTESTED RACE	
		All others	
		Blanks	
		Overvotes	

ELECTION NIGHT		Votes for Ballot Question	
		The number of yes and no votes for Ballot Question #1	
			Votes
		Yes	326
		No	816
		Blanks	61
		Overvotes	0

Municipality: AMHERST Precinct: 1

IV. Differences between the audit hand count results and election night tallies:

Votes for President and Vice President				
COMPARISONS	Candidate	Audit Hand Count	Election Night Tallies	Difference
	CLINTON AND KAINE	854	955	-101
	JOHNSON AND WELD	33	37	-4
	STEIN AND BARAKA	79	79	0
	TRUMP AND PENCE	92	101	-9
	Certified Write-In: WILLIAM FEEGBEH AND STEVE O'BRIEN	0	0	0
	Certified Write-In: LAURENCE KOTLIKOFF AND EDWARD LEAMER	0	0	0
	Certified Write-In: MONICA MOOREHEAD AND LAMONT LILLY	0	0	0
	Certified Write-In: MARSHAL SCHOENKE AND JAMES CREIGHTON MITCHEL, JR.	0	0	0
	Certified Write-In: EVAN MCMULLIN AND NATHAN JOHNSON	0	0	0
	All others	19	21	-2
	Blanks	10	10	0

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Votes for Representative in Congress				
COMPARISONS	Candidate	Audit Hand Count	Election Night Tallies	Difference
	NON CONTESTED RACE			0
				0
				0
				0
				0
	All others			0
	Blanks			0

Votes for Senator in General Court				
COMPARISONS	Candidate	Audit Hand Count	Election Night Tallies	Difference
	STANLEY C. ROSENBERG	886	982	-96
	DONALD PELTIER	102	114	-12
				0
	All others	5	7	-2
	Blanks	94	100	-6

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Votes for Representative in the General Court				
COMPARISONS	Candidate	Audit Hand Count	Election Night Tallies	Difference
	NON CONTESTED RACE			0
				0
				0
	All others			0
	Blanks			0

Yes and no votes for the selected ballot question				
COMPARISONS		Audit Hand Count	Election Night Tallies	Difference
	Yes	293	326	-33
	No	738	816	-78
	Blanks	56	61	-5

V. Any additional notes on perceived causes of discrepancies:

See attached

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POST ELECTION AUDIT REPORT

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Our experience was that the early ballots were constantly jamming.

This was the only set of ballots that this clerk handled.

Sincerely,

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For each precinct audited, please provide the following information:

Municipality: AMHERST Precinct: 2

I. As recorded in the audit hand count:

AUDIT HAND COUNT	Total number of ballots counted	1,847
	Votes for President and Vice President	
	Candidate	Votes
	CLINTON AND Kaine	1,510
	JOHNSON AND WELD	55
	STEIN AND BARAKA	83
	TRUMP AND PENCE	152
	Certified Write-In: WILLIAM FEEGBEH AND STEVE O'BRIEN	0
	Certified Write-In: LAURENCE KOTLIKOFF AND EDWARD LEAMER	0
	Certified Write-In: MONICA MOOREHEAD AND LAMONT LILLY	0
	Certified Write-In: MARSHAL SCHOENKE AND JAMES CREIGHTON MITCHEL, JR.	0
	Certified Write-In: EVAN MCMULLIN AND NATHAN JOHNSON	0
	All others	36
	Blanks	11
Overvotes	0	

Municipality: AMHERST Precinct: 2

Votes for Representative in Congress	
Candidate	Votes
NON CONTESTED RACE	
All others	
Blanks	
Overvotes	

Votes for Senator in General Court	
Candidate	Votes
STANLEY C. ROSENBERG	1,563
DONALD PELTIER	149
All others	4
Blanks	131
Overvotes	0

Municipality: AMHERST Precinct: 2

Votes for Representative in the General Court		
AUDIT HAND COUNT	Candidate	Votes
	NON CONTESTED RACE	
	All others	
	Blanks	
	Overvotes	

Votes for Ballot Question		
AUDIT HAND COUNT	The number of yes and no votes for Ballot Question #1	Votes
	Yes	434
	No	1,324
	Blanks	89
	Overvotes	0

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II. The number of votes hand counted during the audit for each contest for which voter intent is discernible but that are not marked by the voter according to the instructions provided to the voters under G.L. c. 54, § 48:

Number	8
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III. As recorded from the election night tallies:

ELECTION NIGHT	Total number of ballots counted	1,760
	Votes for President and Vice President	
	Candidate	Votes
	CLINTON AND KAINÉ	1,430
	JOHNSON AND WELD	52
	STEIN AND BARAKA	85
	TRUMP AND PENCE	145
	Certified Write-In: WILLIAM FEEGBEH AND STEVE O'BRIEN	0
	Certified Write-In: LAURENCE KOTLIKOFF AND EDWARD LEAMER	0
	Certified Write-In: MONICA MOOREHEAD AND LAMONT LILLY	0
	Certified Write-In: MARSHAL SCHOENKE AND JAMES CREIGHTON MITCHEL, JR.	0
	Certified Write-In: EVAN MCMULLIN AND NATHAN JOHNSON	0
	All others	35
	Blanks	13
	Overvotes	0

Municipality: AMHERST Precinct: 2

Votes for Representative in Congress	
Candidate	Votes
NON CONTESTED RACE	
All others	
Blanks	
Overvotes	

Votes for Senator in General Court	
Candidate	Votes
STANLEY C. ROSENBERG	1,489
DONALD PELTIER	139
All others	4
Blanks	128
Overvotes	0

Municipality: AMHERST Precinct: 2

Votes for Representative in the General Court	
Candidate	Votes
NON CONTESTED RACE	
All others	
Blanks	
Overvotes	

Votes for Ballot Question	
The number of yes and no votes for Ballot Question #1	
	Votes
Yes	408
No	1,265
Blanks	87
Overvotes	0

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IV. Differences between the audit hand count results and election night tallies:

Votes for President and Vice President				
COMPARISONS	Candidate	Audit Hand Count	Election Night Tallies	Difference
	CLINTON AND KAINE	1,510	1,430	80
	JOHNSON AND WELD	55	52	3
	STEIN AND BARAKA	83	85	-2
	TRUMP AND PENCE	152	145	7
	Certified Write-In: WILLIAM FEEGBEH AND STEVE O'BRIEN	0	0	0
	Certified Write-In: LAURENCE KOTLIKOFF AND EDWARD LEAMER	0	0	0
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	Certified Write-In: MARSHAL SCHOENKE AND JAMES CREIGHTON MITCHEL, JR.	0	0	0
	Certified Write-In: EVAN MCMULLIN AND NATHAN JOHNSON	0	0	0
	All others	36	35	1
	Blanks	11	13	-2

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Votes for Representative in Congress				
COMPARISONS	Candidate	Audit Hand Count	Election Night Tallies	Difference
	NON CONTESTED RACE			0
				0
				0
				0
				0
	All others			0
	Blanks			0

Votes for Senator in General Court				
COMPARISONS	Candidate	Audit Hand Count	Election Night Tallies	Difference
	STANLEY C. ROSENBERG	1,563	1,489	74
	DONALD PELTIER	149	139	10
				0
	All others	4	4	0
	Blanks	131	128	3

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Votes for Representative in the General Court				
COMPARISONS	Candidate	Audit Hand Count	Election Night Tallies	Difference
	NON CONTESTED RACE			0
				0
				0
	All others			0
	Blanks			0

Yes and no votes for the selected ballot question				
COMPARISONS		Audit Hand Count	Election Night Tallies	Difference
	Yes	434	408	26
	No	1,324	1,265	59
	Blanks	89	87	2

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