

TOWN OF WINDHAM
ELECTION RECOUNT MATTER 2020 / 2021
TIMELINE OF ACTION ITEMS

November 12, 2020 – The Secretary of State conducted a recount of the Windham General Election held on November 3, 2020 and found approximately 300 additional votes for each of the successful State Legislature candidates, while the candidate requesting the recount lost nearly 100 votes.

November 16, 2020 – The Board of Selectmen, at their next regularly scheduled BOS meeting in conjunction with local Election officials, discussed the Recount; agreed to send a letter to the Attorney General’s office to ask them to look into the election results both at the Town as well as State recount levels; Board also received a Right to Know Request (RTK) relative to information about the Town Election results.

November 17 & 18, 2020 – The Town Clerk receives three more RTK requests concerning information relative to the 2020 Town Election results.

November 19, 2020 – Letter from Town, through its counsel Bernard Campbell, sent to the AG’s office requesting they conduct an investigation into the results of the recent State General Election within the Town of Windham.

November 23, 2020 – Town Clerk Nicole Bottai, and Town Moderator Peter Griffin file completed information in response to the RTK requests filed on November 16, 17, and November 18, 2020.

December 14, 2020 – Town Clerk receives follow up RTK on Election, requesting additional information after receipt of the information provided by Town Clerk on November 23, 2020.

December 17, 2020 – Town Clerk provides response to RTK request of December 14, 2020.

January 5, 2021 – Town, through its counsel Bernard Campbell receives response letter from AG’s office referencing the letter sent by the Town on November 19th. Letter requests additional information from the Town election officials including items on how the elections are handled, information on the results of the elections, and multitude of specific questions relating to the ballot machines and other items.

January 6, 2021- Town Clerk and Town Moderators invited to participate in a conference call with a variety of Senators, the Attorney General’s office, and others.

January 7, 2021 – Town Clerk provides majority of the supporting documentation requested by the State in their January 5, 2021 letter, sending the information to Orville Fitch and Nicholas Chong Yen.

January 8, 2021 – Senator Giuda (NH District 2) and Senator Birdsell (NH District 19) send letter to Attorney General MacDonald and Secretary Gardner requesting a target completion date for their investigation, and request that a physical verification count of the ballots received from Windham be performed.

January 11, 2021 – Town Counsel receives letter from Assistant Attorney Nicolas Chong Yen advising that they had yet received completed materials from the Town Clerk.

January 11, 2021 – Board of Selectmen, at their regular meeting, discuss the status of the Election Recount matter with Senator Giuda and vote to send letter to AG’s office supporting the efforts of Senator Giuda and Senator Birdsell as detailed in their letter of January 8, 2021 sent to the AG’s office.

January 12, 2021 – Board’s letter to Attorney General Gordon MacDonald sent in support of the letter sent by Senator Giuda and Senator Birdsell

January 12, 2021 – Town Clerk sends remaining information to Assistant Attorney General Chong Yen and Orville Fitch – noting that the one sent previously was due to having their wrong email address; Mr. Chong Yen confirms receipt.

The Town of Windham takes this alleged discrepancy extremely serious, and we are cooperating to the full extent, going through the proper avenues and accommodating any interested party information that they seek. Our main priority is to get to the bottom of this important matter. As more information develops, the Town will continue to provide updates.