

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

Fiscal Year 2007

There were four elections in FY 07: the State Primary held on September 19, 2006; the State Election held on November 2, 2006; the Annual Town Election held on March 27, 2007; and a Special Town "Override" Election, held on May 1, 2007.

Four special town meetings were held, in addition to Annual Town Meeting, which began on May 7, 2007 and ended on June 20, 2007. Town Meeting deliberated on 40 articles and met for twelve sessions.

Complete results of the elections and town meetings are included in this report.

On August 23, 2006, I assumed my position as Town Clerk. I was the Assistant Town Clerk in Amherst before leaving to become the Administrator and the elected Town Clerk for the Town of Pelham. I am very happy to be back in Amherst, where my "Clerking" career began and I am very grateful for the support and the wonderful "welcome home" that I have received from many Amherst residents. And of course it is an honor to work with the wonderful and dedicated staff in the Town Hall. I look forward to carrying on the tradition of Town Clerk and following in the footsteps of my predecessors Cornelia D. Como, Margaret Z. Nartowicz, and Anna M. Maciaszek, all of whom I respected and admired.

On January 2, 2007, the Town Clerk's office began offering Passport Photo services. We had hoped to capture a share of the fees that would be generated as a result of new federal regulations which, when fully implemented, will require passports for travel to destinations where other forms of proof of citizenship had previously sufficed. Our efforts were met with success, with actual receipts for execution fees reaching \$19,440, as well as \$3,030 for photographs.

The Town Clerk's office has begun scanning vital records for archival purposes. It is hoped that this will eventually decrease the number of times original records need to be handled, which is a critical factor in the preservation of records.

The 2007 Annual Street List form was adapted this year to assist dog owners with the renewal of their pet's license. Residents were instructed to complete the form and forward it to the Town Clerk's office along with the appropriate fee and a self-addressed stamped envelope. This change took some of the work of renewing licenses away from the Central Counter and back to the Town Clerk's office, but it was successful in that there were more licenses renewed by the end of the grace period specified in the Town's General Bylaws.

State law requires that veterinarians forward copies of all rabies vaccination certificates issued by them. This year the Town Clerk's office compared this data to the records of licensed dogs. Postcards were mailed to all those individuals who were identified through the rabies vaccination certificates, or who indicated on their census forms that they had a dog for which there was no record of a license being issued.

Another addition to the Annual Street List form made it possible for people who were interested to sign up to serve as poll workers. Many of the people who responded were invited to a training session so they could get a good understanding of what being a poll worker involves, and several worked during the Annual Town Election and the Special Town Election.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

The Board of Registrars welcomed H. Oldham Brooks, who was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Doris Holden.

Four elections meant four voter registration sessions, which were held 20 days prior to each election. The Town Clerk's office was open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. to facilitate voter registration.

In February of 2007, Secretary of State William F. Galvin approved new accessible equipment to be used in every polling location in Massachusetts. The equipment approved is a ballot-marking device rather than a voting machine. The AutoMARK is designed to assist many voters with disabilities, especially voters who are sight-impaired, in voting independently. This new addition was used for the first time in Amherst at the Annual Town Election and subsequently during the Special Town Election. State-wide response from voters who used the AutoMARK has been very positive. The introduction of the AutoMARK to our polling places has been a rewarding experience for Town Clerk staff and users alike.

Voter totals as of May 1, 2007 were as follows:

Pct.	AI	D	GP	G-R	Int	L	RC	Ref	R	S	U	WF	TOTAL
1		650	1	23		15			89	1	689		1,468
2		847	2	10		5		1	88		522		1,475
3		341		6		1			56		229		633
3A		148		4		4			19		258		433
4	1	351		3		2			46		178		581
4A		208	1	1		6			25		266		507
5	2	706		17		6			98		625		1,454
6		1,065		22	1	12	2		146		834		2,082
7		935		17	1	16		2	113		771		1,855
8		1,328		32		9	1		170	1	900		2,441
9		665		18		6			69	1	450		1,209
9A		280		11		9			43	1	432	1	777
10		375		4		2			26		226		633
10A		172		1		2			23	1	255		454
	3	8,071	4	169	2	95	3	3	1,011	5	6,635	1	16,002

AI = American Independent
G-R = Green Rainbow
RC = Rainbow Coalition
S = Socialist

D = Democrat
Int = Interdependent 3rd party
Ref = Reform
U = Unenrolled

GP = Green Party USA
L = Libertarian
R = Republican
WF = Working Families

2,216 voters were registered and 2,052 were deleted between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
 Sandra J. Burgess, CMC
 Clerk to the Board of Registrars

2007 Vitals
*(The Town Clerk is required to report
to the Registry of Vital Records and Statistics
on a calendar-year basis)*

Births 177

Deaths 140

Marriages 162

**STATE PRIMARY
September 19, 2006**

In accordance with the Warrant, the polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. The voters cast their ballots in their respective precincts. The results were as follows:

	DEMOCRAT															
SENATOR IN CONGRESS	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3A</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4A</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9A</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10A</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	
EDWARD M KENNEDY	221	426	185	4	150	9	263	478	394	650	319	18	162	8	3287	
BLANKS	17	48	12	2	16	1	40	51	39	65	20	1	20	2	334	
All Others	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	8	
Total Vote	238	475	197	6	166	10	304	531	434	717	340	19	182	10	3629	
GOVERNOR																
CHRISTOPHER GABRIELI	13	43	18	0	16	0	31	43	28	60	29	1	10	2	294	
DEVAL L PATRICK	209	401	159	5	144	9	233	441	358	590	292	16	155	8	3020	
THOMAS F REILLY	14	31	20	1	6	1	39	44	45	64	18	2	16	0	301	
BLANKS	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	3	1	0	1	0	13	
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Total Vote	238	475	197	6	166	10	304	531	434	717	340	19	182	10	3629	
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR																
DEBORAH B GOLDBERG	74	172	65	4	52	4	98	174	115	230	100	3	61	4	1156	
TIMOTHY P MURRAY	57	99	50	1	38	6	74	141	128	180	66	7	39	2	888	
ANDREA C SILBERT	50	87	45	0	26	0	67	95	103	138	114	4	35	2	766	
BLANKS	57	116	37	1	50	0	64	121	87	169	59	5	47	2	815	
All Others	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	
Total Vote	238	475	197	6	166	10	304	531	434	717	340	19	182	10	3629	

**ATTORNEY
GENERAL**

MARTHA COAKLEY	127	283	125	4	105	9	185	315	277	435	221	12	99	7	2204
BLANKS	109	192	72	2	61	1	116	215	155	280	118	7	82	3	1413
All Others	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	2	1	0	1	0	12
Total Vote	238	475	197	6	166	10	304	531	434	717	340	19	182	10	3629

**SECRETARY OF
STATE**

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3A</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4A</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9A</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10A</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
WILLIAM F GALVIN	79	175	80	2	69	6	143	218	189	282	102	8	47	4	1404
JOHN BONIFAZ	109	197	82	4	56	2	95	206	156	284	180	6	109	3	1489
BLANKS	50	102	35	0	41	2	64	107	88	150	58	5	26	2	730
All Others	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	6
Total Vote	238	475	197	6	166	10	304	531	434	717	340	19	182	10	3629

TREASURER

TIMOTHY P CAHILL	133	279	126	4	97	9	197	320	272	421	225	12	97	7	2199
BLANKS	105	196	70	2	69	1	105	211	161	295	115	7	85	3	1425
All Others	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
Total Vote	238	475	197	6	166	10	304	531	434	717	340	19	182	10	3629

AUDITOR

A JOSEPH DeNUCCI	123	261	116	4	91	8	183	290	249	383	198	11	92	7	2016
RAND WILSON *	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
BLANKS	113	214	79	2	75	2	119	240	184	334	142	8	90	3	1605
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total Vote	238	475	197	6	166	10	304	531	434	717	340	19	182	10	3629

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

JOHN W OLVER	196	403	164	3	149	8	248	456	371	618	307	13	157	9	3102
BLANKS	40	72	31	2	17	2	55	73	62	97	33	6	24	1	515
All Others	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	0	1	0	12
Total Vote	238	475	197	6	166	10	304	531	434	717	340	19	182	10	3629

COUNCILLOR

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3A</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4A</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9A</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10A</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
PETER VICKERY	158	297	139	3	99	6	192	331	273	414	239	10	118	6	2285
R DEL GALLO, III	3	7	0	2	1	2	3	7	4	9	2	0	2	1	43
THOMAS T MERRIGAN	39	111	35	0	38	1	62	111	100	189	70	2	42	1	801
BLANKS	38	60	23	1	28	1	46	82	57	105	29	7	20	2	499
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total Vote	238	475	197	6	166	10	304	531	434	717	340	19	182	10	3629

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

STANLEY C	209	423	180	4	149	8	252	472	384	638	316	13	155	8	3211
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ROSENBERG

BLANKS	29	51	16	2	17	2	51	59	50	78	24	6	27	2	414
All Others	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
Total Vote	238	475	197	6	166	10	304	531	434	717	340	19	182	10	3629

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

ELLEN STORY	209	422	177	5	153	9	250	469	383	625	321	14	163	9	3209
BLANKS	29	53	20	1	13	1	53	61	51	91	19	5	19	1	417
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Total Vote	238	475	197	6	166	10	304	531	434	717	340	19	182	10	3629

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

ELIZABETH SCHEIBEL *	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	6
BLANKS	230	467	192	5	163	9	285	516	417	700	331	18	178	10	3521
All Others	6	8	5	1	3	1	19	15	16	15	9	1	3	0	102
Total Vote	238	475	197	6	166	10	304	531	434	717	340	19	182	10	3629

CLERK OF COURTS

HARRY JEKANOWSKI, JR	129	268	117	4	90	7	185	293	247	395	212	10	93	5	2055
BLANKS	109	207	80	2	76	3	118	237	186	321	127	9	89	5	1569
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	5
Total Vote	238	475	197	6	166	10	304	531	434	717	340	19	182	10	3629

REGISTER OF DEEDS

MARIANNE L DONOHUE	131	269	119	4	94	7	189	313	258	411	221	11	95	5	2127
BLANKS	106	205	77	2	72	3	113	218	176	306	119	8	87	5	1497
All Others	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Total Vote	238	475	197	6	166	10	304	531	434	717	340	19	182	10	3629

REPUBLICAN

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3A</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4A</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9A</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10A</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
KENNETH G CHASE	1	3	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	4	3	0	0	0	17
KEVIN P SCOTT	2	4	5	0	2	0	3	7	2	6	7	0	2	1	41
BLANKS	0	1	2	0	1	0	2	2	0	4	1	0	0	0	13
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Vote	3	8	10	0	3	0	7	10	2	14	11	0	2	1	71

GOVERNOR

KERRY HEALEY	3	7	8	0	2	0	6	5	2	13	9	0	2	1	58
BLANKS	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	11
All Others	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2

Total Vote	3	8	10	0	3	0	7	10	2	14	11	0	2	1	71
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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

REED V HILLMAN	3	7	6	0	2	0	6	4	2	11	10	0	2	1	54
BLANKS	0	1	3	0	1	0	1	6	0	3	1	0	0	0	16
All Others	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total Vote	3	8	10	0	3	0	7	10	2	14	11	0	2	1	71

ATTORNEY GENERAL

LARRY FRISOLI	3	6	5	0	2	0	4	4	2	9	8	0	2	1	46
BLANKS	0	2	5	0	1	0	3	6	0	5	3	0	0	0	25
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Vote	3	8	10	0	3	0	7	10	2	14	11	0	2	1	71

SECRETARY OF STATE	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3A</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4A</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9A</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10A</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
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BLANKS	3	8	9	0	3	0	6	10	2	13	10	0	2	1	67
All Others	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4
Total Vote	3	8	10	0	3	0	7	10	2	14	11	0	2	1	71

TREASURER

BLANKS	3	8	10	0	3	0	7	10	2	13	10	0	2	1	69
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Total Vote	3	8	10	0	3	0	7	10	2	14	11	0	2	1	71

AUDITOR

BLANKS	3	8	10	0	3	0	7	10	2	14	11	0	2	1	71
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Vote	3	8	10	0	3	0	7	10	2	14	11	0	2	1	71

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

BLANKS	3	7	10	0	3	0	7	10	2	14	11	0	2	0	69
All Others	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Total Vote	3	8	10	0	3	0	7	10	2	14	11	0	2	1	71

COUNCILLOR

MICHAEL FRANCO	2	7	5	0	2	0	3	3	2	7	5	0	2	1	39
BLANKS	1	1	5	0	1	0	4	7	0	7	6	0	0	0	32
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Vote	3	8	10	0	3	0	7	10	2	14	11	0	2	1	71

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

MICHAELA L LeBLANC	2	6	5	0	2	0	4	6	2	10	5	0	2	1	45
BLANKS	1	2	5	0	1	0	3	4	0	4	6	0	0	0	26
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Vote	3	8	10	0	3	0	7	10	2	14	11	0	2	1	71

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL
COURT**

BLANKS	3	7	10	0	3	0	7	10	2	14	11	0	2	1	70
All Others	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total Vote	3	8	10	0	3	0	7	10	2	14	11	0	2	1	71

**DISTRICT
ATTORNEY**

ELIZABETH D SCHEIBEL	3	6	7	0	1	0	5	7	2	12	9	0	2	1	55
BLANKS	0	2	3	0	2	0	2	3	0	2	2	0	0	0	16
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Vote	3	8	10	0	3	0	7	10	2	14	11	0	2	1	71

CLERK OF COURTS

BLANKS	2	8	10	0	2	0	7	10	2	14	10	0	2	1	68
All Others	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Total Vote	3	8	10	0	3	0	7	10	2	14	11	0	2	1	71

REGISTER OF DEEDS

BLANKS	3	8	10	0	3	0	7	10	2	14	11	0	2	1	71
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Vote	3	8	10	0	3	0	7	10	2	14	11	0	2	1	71

**Indicates Write-in candidate*

Pct.	Democratic Ballots Cast	Democrats Registered	Republican Ballots Cast	Republicans Registered	Unenrolled Voters	P.M. Return	% Voting
1	238	625	3	85	726	9:24	16.23
2	475	842	8	91	525	9:34	32.7
3	197	342	10	58	236	10:40	32.14
3A	6	121	0	11	217	9:24	1.69
4	166	348	3	46	174	10:15	29.39
4A	10	174	0	28	225	9:30	2.28
5	304	728	7	102	637	10:15	20.8
6	531	1,055	10	156	824	10:07	26.07
7	434	923	2	124	780	10:40	23.38
8	717	1,302	14	181	879	10:00	30.36
9	340	680	11	73	476	10:03	27.9

9A	19	232	0	37	419	9:30	2.66
10	182	402	2	27	251	9:24	26.71
10A	10	149	1	29	204	9:28	2.83
Total	3,629	7,923	71	1,048	6,573		23.31%

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. as directed in the Warrant. 3,700 ballots were cast, representing 23.31% of the 15,870 voters registered.

Attest:
Sandra J. Burgess
Town Clerk