

April 5, 2023

2023 Election Results for Selectmen Race

On the morning of April 3, 2023 it was brought to the attention of the Selectmen's Office that there may be a mistake in the recording of votes for Robert Nickerson who was on the March 14, 2023 Town Election ballot running for the office of Selectman.

The Town Clerk reviewed the tallies. It was found the tally sheet total for Robert Nickerson previously reported 217 votes when, in fact, the total votes for Robert Nickerson should have been reported as 271. This was in no way a reflection of our voting machines. It was human error and a transposition of a number.

On election day, Benjamin Sharpe and Edward Mencis were the reported winners of the two open seats on the Board of Selectmen with votes of 312 and 269, respectively. With the discovery of Robert Nickerson receiving 271 votes, he would be the winner over Edward Mencis' 269 votes.

The Town Clerk contacted the Secretary of State's office seeking guidance on how to handle this situation. Response from the Secretary of State and Attorney General's offices was to hold a public meeting with both candidates, the Moderator and the Town Clerk. Results should be reviewed, and the conclusion would be to seek agreement of both candidates that the person chosen by the voters be seated. They would agree Robert Nickerson will be sworn in as Selectman and that Edward Mencis was not elected.

The meeting was held on Monday, April 3, 2023, at the Board of Selectmen's meeting. The Moderator, Town Clerk, and both candidates were in attendance as well as all selectmen. Robert Nickerson was sworn in as the selectman voted in by the people. Both candidates made a brief statement and agreed Robert was elected Selectman and Edward was not.