

**MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL STATE  
SENATORIAL PRIMARY ELECTION  
TUESDAY \* OCTOBER 10, 2023**

The ImageCast tabulator compartments were opened for inspection at 6:30 a.m., and then at 6:50 a.m. the necessary steps were taken to ready the tabulator for voting. Zero tapes were printed, signed and one tape hung beside the displayed Warrant outside the polling room. The Polls were declared open at 7:00 a.m. with Warden Janice Wegiel reading the Election Warrant’s preamble, the body of Warrant, the Board of Selectmen’s signing, and the Constable’s Return of Service at the end of the Warrant.

1. There were three (3) ballots spoiled by Voters – all three voters opted for a “do-over” and the spoiled ballots were marked “SPOILED” and placed in the Spoiled Ballot envelope.
2. There were no (0) ballots placed in the hand-count slot.
3. One (1) person who had received a VBM ballot chose to come and vote in person – their VBM ballot had not been returned and they were allowed to vote at the polls.
4. Of the 22 VBM ballots requested and mailed out, 19 were returned and cast and 3 were not returned (one of which was the person who came in to vote instead).
5. In the afternoon, the tabulator started rejecting ballots as “misread/not valid” when they were inserted face up, but accepted them just fine if inserted face down. It would seem that the upper “eye” must have gotten dirty – with only the one quick vote on the ballot the ink may not have had enough time to dry sufficiently and so it became dirty. LHS will be contacted to inquire about having the machine checked and cleaned.

The Warden declared the Polls closed promptly at 8:00 p.m. All drop boxes were checked for additional VBM ballots – none were found. The final voter count on the tabulator was 144 ballots cast. Total tapes were produced and the results read by the Election Clerk. The tapes were then signed and one tape posted beside the displayed Warrant outside the polling room. The cast ballots were then sorted, write-ins recorded, and all ballots were counted. The number of ballots taken from the tabulator’s ballot compartments equaled the number of voters recorded on the Check-in and Check-out lists.

**The results for East Brookfield were as follows:**

**UNOFFICIAL DEMOCRATIC TOTALS**

Zlotnik .....23  
Blanks .....0  
Write-ins .....2  
Total Ballots Cast .....25

**UNOFFICIAL REPUBLICAN TOTALS**

Chester .....28  
Durant .....90  
Blanks .....0  
Write-ins .....0  
Total Ballots Cast .....118

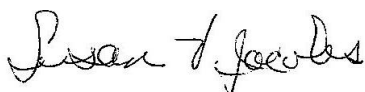
**UNOFFICIAL LIBERTERIAN TOTALS**

Write-ins .....0  
Blanks .....1  
Total Ballots Cast .....1

**TOTAL BALLOTS CAST: 144**

**TOTAL # OF REGISTERED VOTERS: 1,682**

**PERCENTAGE VOTER TURNOUT: 8.56%**



SUSAN V. JACOBS, ELECTION CLERK  
October 16, 2023