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Speaker 1: I don't know, I didn't take care of it. He took care of it, Nathan.

Speaker 2: Hey, What are you blaming me for?

Speaker 1: I don't know, who took care of it? The lady who was not ...

Speaker 3: That lady that came in ...

Speaker 2: Yes.

Speaker 3: You saw her license, right?

Speaker 4: So now [crosstalk 00:00:39] even people who aren't citizens can now vote.

Speaker 2: No.

Speaker 3: You didn't see her license?

Speaker 4: Well she was not a citizen. That woman was not a citizen.

Speaker 2: She had a utility bill.

Speaker 3: That's not a citizen, That's not a picture.

Speaker 4: That's not ... You need a license with a picture.

Speaker 2: I didn't give her the ballot.

Speaker 1: She said she didn't-

C. Sampson: Do you have it here now? Have a affidavit ballot?

Speaker 1: No.

Speaker 6: Was I suppose to bring in something?

Speaker 1: You're okay, we have your [crosstalk 00:01:06] Oh, what's her number his number?

Speaker 6: Oh I just go over there?

Speaker 4: [inaudible 00:01:13] and follow instructions, mark the oval very carefully. No X's no checks no X's and O's.

Somebody helping you?

Speaker 7: No.

Speaker 1: Hi, I can help you.

Speaker 7: My last name is Neilson, Neilson.

Speaker 1: You're there.

Speaker 7: That's why I was on this side. Do you need a license or anything?

Speaker 3: No, not if I find you here.

Speaker 7: Okay.

Speaker 3: I hope I find you here. Neil ...

Speaker 7: Neil ...

Speaker 3: Okay, Neilson?

Speaker 7: Yeah that's me. [00:02:00]

C. Sampson: You don't, you deal with the problem

Speaker 3: Okay, you can sign. [crosstalk 00:02:05]

C. Sampson: What happened was... What basically happens is... Apparently Town Laws, not State Law, says that a person is (..) a qualified elector which means they are 18, they are a citizen, and they had lived in the town at least 30 days prior to the election date, they have the right to vote whether or not they are registered.

Speaker 1: How do you prove that they get[crosstalk 00:02:31]

C. Sampson: You don't. They sign this oath that they are a qualified elector. This is an oath. This is an oath. After the election... These are not counted right away. They are investigated and either validated or invalidated. I don't know what all the validation steps will be or how we will prove it but they will not be counted until they are validated.

Speaker 1: That's a satisfactory answer.

C. Sampson: I mean that's [crosstalk 00:02:58] what's going to happen.

Speaker 1: That to me is a satisfactory answer.

C. Sampson: Right, they will not be counted until they're validated. I really don't know all the steps yet, but there is no questions this qualifying voter is those three things; You're 18, you lived in the town for at least 30 days prior to today and that you are a citizen.

Speaker 3: How do you prove that you live here, 30 days?

C. Sampson: Well we're going to have to figure that out after, the law just says they ...[crosstalk 00:03:26] can cast a vote and it may be counted.

Speaker 3: They can vote.

Do you have to have to have a picture I. D.?

Speaker 4: [Yeah 00:03:33] are we talking ...

C. Sampson: No, they do not. We have to do all that validation afterwards.

Speaker 4: I was told on the phone by board of elections to make sure they have a drivers license or the picture I. D.

C. Sampson: That doesn't do anything either way.

Speaker 4: Well [crosstalk 00:03:45]

C. Sampson: Like I said this validation has to occur after they election, I really don't know all the steps. That's why they're put into this category and put aside and we have to figure out how to ... I'm sorry?

Speaker 3: We're not open on election night, right?

C. Sampson: [00:04:00] Oh no, absolutely not. No, this has to be investigated and validated. Like I said I really don't know all the steps, but they're not going to be counted until they are validated as eligible voters.

Speaker 2: That makes sense.

Speaker 4: Mr. Sampson we were instructed by the board of elections we take our annual oath that we do not have to ... That we do not allow any unregistered voters to vote on that machine. Large bold face type on that [inaudible 00:04:29]. We are under paid or going to jail, you understand.

Speaker 3: That's the oath we just swear to.

C. Sampson: Stop stop stop, number one this is not being run by the board of elections.

Speaker 4: But we were ...[crosstalk 00:04:39]

C. Sampson: Listen to me, this is not being run by the board of elections. By law I don't make this stuff up, the law says that the Town Clerk has to run this election. The law also says what I just described about qualified electors who are not registered. The law says that,

and it's the same New York state law. We'll have to validated it as best we can after the election, I mean after tomorrow after today rather.

In the meantime, they have to be a qualified voter, 18 a citizen and living in the town for 30 days. That is the law you are not breaking the law. I've heard that folks feel that you are breaking the law, you are not breaking the law you are [crosstalk 00:05:25]

Speaker 4: I thought that I was breaking the law.

C. Sampson: Well it's [crosstalk 00:05:26] it certainly different.

Speaker 4: We've always been told ...

Speaker 6: It's different, but you're not breaking the law.

Speaker 3: We were unaware of this.

C. Sampson: Yeah it wasn't unclear to me either.

Speaker 4: Someone came in here and said; did you have to be registered to vote? Well I've been always taught that you have to be registered to vote and I said yes you do.

C. Sampson: I understand.

Speaker 4: Then he left me to complain about me because I said he couldn't vote.

C. Sampson: I understand, I agree with you.

Speaker 4: That's how we all been raised, it's a privileged to be able to vote and that means register.

C. Sampson: Me too, this doesn't take away the quality [crosstalk 00:05:58].

Speaker 4: Well it is taking away all the people [00:06:00] the people who do things the right way.

C. Sampson: I'm telling you, I'm telling you we're not talking about right and wrong. This is the law, the law says I have to do this. I don't ... It's not me it's not radical it's New York State, that same New York State law that you pledged to up hold.

Speaker 4: Then why ... If you're saying that [crosstalk 00:06:15] then does that apply to every election?

C. Sampson: There's different ...

No, there's different rules for town elections, for town referendums there's different rules.

Speaker 4: You should have been told that when to the [crosstalk 00:06:27]

C. Sampson: I should've been clear about it and I should've been in a position to tell you about it. I wasn't and we had a bit of a problem.

Speaker 4: Problem.

C. Sampson: I'm hear to tell you that's the case.

Speaker 4: We have witness in case the cops come to arrest us.

Speaker 3: Okay, you think that in prior elections [crosstalk 00:06:42]

Speaker 1: We'll come bail you out.

Speaker 4: Thank you, thank you.

C. Sampson: I can't answer any beyond what I just told you.

Speaker 4: I just what to make sure that they vote and live in the Ramapo district.

C. Sampson: That's our challenge, that why I'm going to ... [crosstalk 00:06:56]

Speaker 4: Oh I brought my I. D because I know of people who were brought up from other counties.

Now what about the paid things we're supposed to fill out?

C. Sampson: Yeah, the young ladies who recruited for us are coming around with pay voucher prepared for you.

Speaker 1: Believe me this is the most aggravating day I've ever had working on elections and I've worked presidential elections.

C. Sampson: Okay, wait till it's over [inaudible 00:07:16].

Speaker 3: I've complained to the board of elections 3 times about the configuration tape and I've got three different [crosstalk 00:07:24]...

C. Sampson: About what?

Speaker 3: My configurations tape, it's now over 300, that configurations tape is on 0. [inaudible 00:07:36] it's still on 0 [inaudible 00:07:42] pay no attention to a configuration tape, pay attention to the counter on the sheet.

C. Sampson: Okay.

Speaker 3: [inaudible 00:07:52] manual and if we have any problems with the configuration tape call the board of elections.

C. Sampson: [00:08:00] and you called them and they told you ... I'm sorry am I in your way, I'm sorry ... Not interfering with voters.

Speaker 3: They excuse me ...[crosstalk 00:08:07]

C. Sampson: Wait a minute ... I don't know anything I know zero about these machines and I don't want to know. I heard you and I hear you say that it tells you to call the board of elections.

Speaker 3: If you see [crosstalk 00:08:18]...

C. Sampson: Wait a minute, an the board of elections told you what to do.

Speaker 3: They told me [inaudible 00:08:23] to zero, but the manual is telling me to call the board of elections and then the second response was remove the tape, cut the tap. We were originally told never to touch that tape until the poll is closed. Second response was; tear the tape off and staple it to the canvas. We do that at the end of the evening on the entire ... [crosstalk 00:08:45].

C. Sampson: So here's your dilemma, the book tells you to call the board of elections with these kinds of problems. The board of elections told you what to do and ... What? What have you decided to do?

Speaker 3: Many different things to do, I went just as they told me to ...[crosstalk 00:09:01]

C. Sampson: That's all I can do, do what they tell you to do.[crosstalk 00:09:04].

Speaker 3: The tape is not printing, so far.

C. Sampson: I can't ... I have no idea, it's their machines, it's their process they know what their doing.

Speaker 3: Closing polls and there's a 0 we got problems, I got two different sources. One on the machine says one vote and the configurations tape says 0.

C. Sampson: Okay, I don't know what to tell you.

Hello, let me see who do I need, I need William [inaudible 00:09:36].

Speaker 2: End of the table I'm guessing.

Speaker 3: Can I ask you; where did you hear about the [inaudible 00:09:46].

C. Sampson: I'm sorry.

Speaker 3: Where did you hear about [inaudible 00:09:45].

C. Sampson: Give me a call, I'll try to find you some more. There are people going around delivering more plus there is a platinum.

C. Sampson: Are you saying you're out now?

Speaker 3: No.

C. Sampson: Okay, I'll see [00:10:00] if I have a few on file. Again just ... We know that everybody needs it there's some sort of a ... I didn't realize there is so many unregistered voters in our channel. It's 60 thousand registered and maybe 20 thousand that vote. Suddenly there's a rash of ...

Speaker 8: What because of the municipal law thing?

C. Sampson: No, but why aren't they registered. I guess they're running sidewalk elections.

Speaker 2: When I voted before they were out.

C. Sampson: Really.

Speaker 2: I went over to town hall and the poor women in there were pulling their hair out.

C. Sampson: Yeah their [inaudible 00:10:40].

Speaker 2: They said why didn't you call, I said the people say they can't get through. It goes straight to voice mail and the voice mail is full.

C. Sampson: Okay.

Speaker 2: You need to be over here Miss.

Speaker 8: Over here?

Speaker 2: Yes.

Speaker 8: Okay.

Speaker 2: I'm actually not working, I just came up to say hi and ...

Speaker 8: Oh really.

Speaker 2: I ended up helping.

Speaker 8: Oh, okay.

Speaker 2: What's your last name?

Speaker 9: I'm Gellis.

Speaker 2: Jealous?

Speaker 9: Yes sir.

Speaker 2: Okay.

C. Sampson: They voted the same, they're normal poll ... We didn't make any changes.

Does anybody know who William Cope is?

Speaker 3: All right start marching there honey.

Speaker 10: so where do we go with this?

Speaker 2: You go to anyone of the privacy booths, feel in the oval completely [00:12:00] no X's no check marks [inaudible 00:12:03]

Speaker 10: Oh it's not electronic?

Speaker 2: No, well it is once you fill in your oval, whatever you want to do you put in the machine.

Speaker 10: Put the ballot in the machine.

Okay.

Speaker 2: Don't be surprised, every election has at least one or two people who don't show up.

C. Sampson: I use to do this years ago, we got out of that business and I was thrilled.

Speaker 2: I mean it's good doing it, but that does happen. You get people just don't show up or call at the last ... Call at 5:00 in the morning.

C. Sampson: Yep, to my understanding it's kind of a fragile ... A lot of the seniors and stuff, do the best they can with the hand they're dealt with.

What's your name?

Speaker 2: Bruce.

C. Sampson: Thanks Bruce, take care.

Speaker 2: Meanwhile I think I'll be back with a few more [inaudible 00:12:57].

Speaker 1: Okay, you fill that all out?

Speaker 11: Yes, I think I just cross out the box

Speaker 12: You in line?

Speaker 2: No ma'am.

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