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Sent: Monday, September 29, 2014 5:00 PM
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Subject: Handling of absentee ballots and request to inspect prior to opening

Dear Maureen,

A concern has been raised regarding the handling of absentee ballots. I was told that some ballots were not even being accepted. I want to confirm the process that the Town Clerk's office is following regarding the handling of the ballots and inspection procedures. Please provide answers to the following question by reply email:

- 1) Upon receipt of the ballots are you comparing the signatures of the ballots with those on file at the board of election? (Based on what I was told I assume yes.)
- 2) If the signatures appear not to match are you segregating the ballots where you believe there is a question regarding the signature? (Based on what I was told I understand you are turning them away instead of accepting them as you should be doing.)
- 3) How are you keeping track of any absentee ballots that you are not accepting.
- 4) The due date for all ballots is close of business October 7th. When will they be counted? On the evening of October 7th or on October 8th?
- 5) Where will they be inspected and counted?
- 6) Who will be inspecting and counting them?
- 7) Can I request to be present at the inspection and counting process?
- 8) How will the ballots be maintained until such time as they would be counted? (They should be kept locked down.)
- 9) Is there a process for anyone to be able to review the absentee ballot envelopes?

I am asking under FOIL for a list as of the end of today of all absentee ballots that were issued. I am also requesting under foil a list of absentee ballots that have already been received as of the close of business today.

Thank you for all your efforts to make this a fair and transparent election.

Best wishes
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