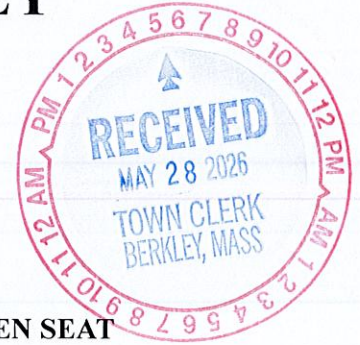




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**OFFICIAL RECOUNT RESULTS FOR THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SEAT  
OF THE MAY 9, 2026 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

**MAY 28, 2026**

**TOTAL NUMBER REGISTERED VOTERS – 5,707**

**ACTUAL NUMBER OF VOTES – 2,419**

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 54, Section 135, a recount of votes cast for the office of Selectmen was conducted on May 28, 2026. Following the completion of the recount, the Registrars of Voters certify the following results:

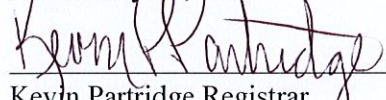
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN – 3 YEARS**

Mark Thomas Horsfall – 787 votes  
Write-In Robert Longton – 962 votes  
Write-In Maurice Butler – 36 votes  
Blank & Scattering – 634 votes

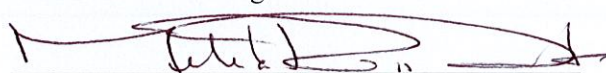
Based on the results of the recount, the Registrars of Voters find and certify that Robert Longton received the highest number of votes cast for the Board of Selectmen seat and is thereby determined to have been elected to said office.

This certificate is issued pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 54, Section 135, and is filed with the Town Clerk for record and distribution as required by law.

Dated: May 28, 2026

  
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Kevin Partridge Registrar

John-Paul Benoit Registrar

  
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Melinda Paine- Dupont Registrar

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*Heather J. Almy*, Town Clerk

## **Recount Determines Final Results in Selectmen Race**

Following completion of the May 28, 2026 official recount for the open Board of Selectmen seat included on the May 9, 2026 Annual Town Election warrant, it has been determined that write-in candidate Robert Longton was elected to a 3 Year Term on the Board. The final recount results establish that Robert Longton received 962 votes, while Mark Thomas Horsfall received 787 votes.

Because this race involved a write-in candidacy, the recount process was more complex and time-intensive than a standard ballot recount. Unlike votes for candidates whose names appear directly on the ballot, which are tabulated by voting machines without significant difficulties, write-in votes require election workers to manually review handwritten entries and determine whether each ballot entry meets the standards for a valid write-in vote under state election law.

As part of the recount, all ballots were carefully reexamined, including ballots initially categorized as “blank” or “other,” to ensure the final tally accurately reflected voter intent. Following that review, certain ballot entries not originally counted were determined to be valid votes for Robert Longton.

The Town appreciates the professionalism and diligence demonstrated by the recount workers and participants throughout this process. Recounts serve as an important safeguard in close elections and provide an important opportunity for additional review and verification or adjustment of results, particularly in contests involving write-in candidates.

The Town also extends its sincerest thanks to the clerks and election officials from neighboring communities who volunteered their time and expertise to assist with the recount. Their support and commitment to the integrity of the electoral process were invaluable.