

## TOWN OF FREMONT NH

On Friday, March 12, 2021 at 3:10 pm, the Town Clerk received a petition for recount for the position of Cemetery Trustee by write-in nominee Jeanne Nygren. Jeanne had signed an affidavit attesting that she had voted for herself as a write-in for Cemetery Trustee, declaring her eligible to request the recount.

The Town Clerk posted notice of recount on the Town Hall entrance door and Town Administrator Heidi Carlson posted notice on the Town website on Friday, March 12, 2021 that the recount would take place on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at the Town Hall lobby, 295 Main Street Fremont New Hampshire at 4:00 PM.

Members of the Board of Recount consisted of Selectmen Neal Janvrin and Roger Barham, Moderator Michael Rydeen, Assistant Moderator James Thompson, Town Clerk Nicole Cloutier and Deputy Town Clerk Deborah Caputo.

Community members present were Jeanne Nygren and Bill Millios, recording the recount for FCTV. Additionally, present was Jeff Sylvestro, Representative of LHS.

The recount began at 4:06 PM. The seal on the package that contained the ballots was broken and the sorting of ballots began. The 651 cast ballots were split up into 2 piles from the Tuesday, March 9, 2021 Town Election and were individually inspected by each group of the Board of Recount supervised by Moderator Michael Rydeen and Town Clerk Nicole Cloutier. After sorting into piles of Cemetery Trustee Write-in and non-write-in ballots, each write-in ballot was again inspected, and tallies were made for nominees.

The recount ended at 5:05 pm. The results are as follows:

Matthew Thomas: 8  
Jeanne Nygren: 4  
Jon Benson: 2  
Leon Holmes Sr: 1  
John Hennelly: 1  
Clifford Wampler: 2  
Neal Janvrin: 1  
Wayne Soucie: 1  
Brandon Meehan: 1  
John Leva: 1  
Leon Holmes Jr: 2

Brooks Braley: 2  
Peter Bolduc: 2  
Gene Cordes: 1  
Josh Levine: 1  
Tom Murdock: 1  
Ashley Janvrin: 1  
Michael Leclair: 1  
Martin Generous: 1  
Glenn Taylor: 1  
Cabot Howard: 1  
Mary Anderson: 1

Shawn Perreault: 2  
David Peterson: 1

Eric Abney: 1  
Paul Drapeau: 1

Of the results, it was noted that 5 names were given on a ballot without the Oval filled in, as well as 16 ballots with the oval filled in and no name provided. It was expressed by the Moderator that the machine is not designed to read a ballot without the oval filled in and concern was given that while the ballot counting machine is deemed accurate and reliable, the black sorting box is not and has been relied on to sort impure, write-in ballots. This was confirmed by Jeff Sylvestro, Representative of LHS and therefore the decision was made that from now on the process will be to physically inspect each ballot for write-in positions only and to verify intent of voter in the case of not filling in the oval.

The ballots were placed back in their original container and then sealed. These ballots shall be kept for 60 days from the date of recount.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole E. Cloutier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicole E. Cloutier  
Town Clerk