

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

MAY 15, 2018

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of April 10, 2018, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in elections, met in the Sharon High School Gymnasium at 7:00 A.M., Tuesday, May 15, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused who read the call and return of the warrant. The warden of the election was Shelley Kahalas. The wardens for precincts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were named as follows: Margie Simmons, Susie Keating, Arlene Flatto, Ellen Michelson and Susan Slater. Clerks and workers were: Marcia Shapiro, Shanie Platzman, Micki Baker, Christina Robb, Michael Corman, Mildred Worthley, Ellen Kischel, Jeffrey Shapiro, Bobby Hall, Ernie Rotman, Susan Saunders, Christina Robb, Bob Braunstein, Mary Hall, Brian D'Arcy, Chuck Levine, Beth Lappen, Steve Steckel, Karin Hagan, Shirley Schofield, Natalie Braunstein, David Hagan, Jeff Rose and Assistant Town Clerk Beth A. Kourafas. The ballot boxes were shown to be empty and registered zero; the ballot boxes were locked and keys delivered to Officer of the Day, George Demeris. All election officers and workers were sworn.

At 8:06 P.M. the polls were declared closed. Total votes were as follows:

PRECINCT	Total
1	484
2	409
3	473
4	494
5	368
TOTAL	2,228

The ballots were canvassed according to the law by an Accuvote OS tabulating system. Results were transcribed on summary sheets and declaration was made by Town Clerk Marlene B. Chused at 8:16 P.M. as follows:

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	Total
SELECTMEN For 3 Years						
John J. McGrath	120	167	171	176	161	795
Emily E. Smith-Lee	351	232	292	310	203	1,388
Write-In	2	2	0	1	0	5
Blanks	11	8	10	7	4	40
Total	484	409	473	494	368	2,228

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	Total
ASSESSOR For 3 Years						
Richard B. Gorden	334	293	340	344	265	1,576
Write-In	4	1	3	3	1	12
Blanks	146	115	130	147	102	640
Total	484	409	473	494	368	2,228

SCHOOL COMMITTEE For 3 Years						Total
Kathleen Currul-Dykeman	298	281	327	328	234	1,468
Judith Kay Crosby	284	208	266	308	193	1,259
Mena M. Mesiha	232	208	227	240	174	1,081
Heather J. Zelevinsky	244	215	244	235	200	1,138
Write-In	2	2	0	3	1	8
Blanks	392	313	355	368	302	1,730
Total	1,452	1,227	1,419	1,482	1,104	6,684

PLANNING BOARD For 5 Years						Total
Kai Richard Yu	328	275	334	339	256	1,532
Write-In	4	1	3	1	0	9
Blanks	152	133	136	154	112	687
Total	484	409	473	494	368	2,228

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY For 3 Years						Total
Robert A. Levin	304	246	315	323	232	1,420
Cheryl Weinstein	325	270	328	322	255	1,500
Write-In	3	2	1	4	0	10
Blanks	336	300	302	339	249	1,526
Total	968	818	946	988	736	4,456

HOUSING AUTHORITY For 5 Years						Total
Edwin S. Little	337	279	332	343	265	1,556
Write-In	2	2	5	1	3	13
Blanks	145	128	136	150	100	659
Total	484	409	473	494	368	2,228

QUESTION NO. 1

Shall the Town of Sharon adopt the Zoning Bylaw amendment as set forth below which amendment would prohibit the operation of all types of Marijuana Retailers as defined in G.L.c.94G, S1, within the Town of Sharon, with the exception as within the text of the proposed By-Law, the full text of which, and a summary of which, appears below?

Text of Zoning Bylaw Amendment:

Section 3700 – Marijuana Retailers. Consistent with M.G.L. c. 94G, s3(a)(2), all types of non-medical “Marijuana Retailers” as defined in M.G.L. c. 94G, S1 shall be prohibited within the Town of Sharon. This prohibition shall not be construed to affect the medical use of marijuana as expressly authorized by the provisions of Chapter 369 of the Acts of 2012 and 105 CMR 725.000 (as the same may be amended from time to time).

Summary: General Laws Chapter 94G, Section 3, allows cities and towns in the Commonwealth to approve By-Laws or Ordinances prohibiting certain Marijuana Establishments to operate. The above question, if voted in the affirmative, would approve the Town Meeting vote of May 7, 2018, to enact a Zoning Bylaw amendment which would prohibit the establishment of Marijuana Retailers in the Town of Sharon, such term being defined in Chapter 94G, S1 as “an entity licensed to purchase and deliver marijuana and marijuana products from marijuana establishments and to deliver, sell or otherwise transfer marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to consumers.” This prohibition would not affect the medical use of marijuana as expressly authorized by the provisions of Chapter 369 of the Acts of 2012 and 105 CMR 725.000 (as the same may be amended from time to time).

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Question No. 1						
Yes	149	163	173	206	127	818
No	252	184	253	223	177	1,089
Blank	83	62	47	65	64	321
Total	484	409	473	494	368	2,228

Question No. 1 was defeated at the Annual Town Meeting of May 7, 2018. Therefore Question No. 1 is null and void.

Registered Voters: 12,588
Percent Voting: 17.70%
Absentee: 77
Total Votes Cast: 2,228