

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUDIT (Election Results Precinct 8)

DATE: November 15, 2016

TIME: 10:00A.M.

PLACE: Danvers Town Hall
1 Sylvan Street
Toomey Room

Post-Election Audits – Background:

In 2014, chapter 109A of Chapter 54 of the General Laws was enacted, which requires post-election audits after presidential elections. Under the provisions of chapter 54, section 109A(c), 3% of all of the precincts in Massachusetts must be hand counted as part of the audit process.

The law requires that precincts to be audited must be chosen in a random, publicly verifiable, non-computerized drawing supervised by the Secretary within 48 hours after polls are closed.

The law further provides for a hand count of only certain specified races, where more than one candidate is printed on the ballot, and a statewide ballot question, which is also randomly selected.

The administration of the audit is conducted by the Registrars of Voters. The audit itself is very similar to conducting a recount, where ballots are counted by hand in teams.