

Town of Becket

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State Election Minutes 11/4/08

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the State Election was held in the Becket Town Hall, 557 Main Street, on November 4, 2008. The polling hours were 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Prior to the polls opening, the Ballot Box was publicly opened, examined and found to be empty; the register was set at zero. The results of the election are as follows:

	VOTES
Electors of President & Vice President <i>(Vote for One)</i>	
Blanks	5
Baldwin and Castle	5
Barr and Root	3
McCain and Palin	255
McKinney and Clemente	6
Nader and Gonzalez	11
Obama and Biden	672
Write Ins:	2
TOTAL VOTES	959
Senator in Congress <i>(Vote for One)</i>	
Blanks	26
John F. Kerry	659
Jeffrey K. Beatty	223
Robert J. Underwood	49
Write Ins:	2
TOTAL VOTES	959
Representative in Congress <i>(Vote for One)</i>	
Blanks	36
John W. Olver	685
Nathan A. Bech	237
Write Ins:	1
TOTAL VOTES	959
Councillor <i>(Vote for One)</i>	
Blanks	119
Thomas T. Merrigan	618
Michael Franco	222
All Others	0
TOTAL VOTES	959
Senator in General Court <i>(Vote for One)</i>	
Blanks	181
Benjamin Brackett Downing	773
Write Ins:	5
TOTAL VOTES	959
Representative in General Court <i>(Vote for One)</i>	
Blanks	217
Denis E. Guyer	739
Write Ins:	3

TOTAL VOTES	959
Register of Probate (<i>Vote for One</i>)	
Blanks	232
Francis B. Marinaro	725
Write Ins:	2
TOTAL VOTES	959
Regional School Committee (Becket) (<i>Vote for One</i>)	
Blanks	255
John J. Les	703
Write Ins:	1
TOTAL VOTES	959
Regional School Committee (Dalton) (<i>Vote for not more than Three</i>)	
Blanks	2863
Write Ins:	14
TOTAL VOTES	2877
Regional School Committee (Hinsdale) (<i>Vote for One</i>)	
Blanks	947
Write Ins:	12
TOTAL VOTES	959
Regional School Committee (Peru) (<i>Vote for One</i>)	
Blanks	946
Write Ins:	13
TOTAL VOTES	959
Regional School Committee (Washington) (<i>Vote for One</i>)	
Blanks	949
Write Ins:	10
TOTAL VOTES	959

Regional School Committee (Windsor) (<i>Vote for One</i>)	
Blanks	497
Richard J. Wagner	461
Write Ins:	1
TOTAL VOTES	959
QUESTION 1 (Law Proposed by Initiative Petition)	
This proposed law would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for all categories of taxable income for the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010...	
Blanks	17
YES	267
NO	675
TOTAL VOTES	959
QUESTION 2 (Law Proposed by Initiative Petition)	
This proposed law would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties, to be enforced by issuing citations, and would exclude information regarding this civil offense from the state's criminal record information system...	
Yes	661
No	272
Blanks	26
TOTAL VOTES	959
QUESTION 3 (Law Proposed by Initiative Petition)	
This proposed law would prohibit any dog racing or racing meeting in Massachusetts where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of dogs occurs...	
Yes	629
No	300

Blanks	30
TOTAL VOTES	959
Town of Becket, Total Registered Voters:	1292
Ballots cast:	959
Percent Voting	74%

A total of 959 votes were cast. There were 95 absentee ballots, 1 Provisional ballot, 1 Partial Provisional ballot (per House Bill 5121), 22 spoiled ballots, and 2 Specially Qualified voters. The AutoMARK voter assist terminal was tested at 8:53 a.m. and 3:40 p.m. Election Officials were Dorothy Bellavance, Eva Bonney (Clerk), Joyce Brownhill, Claire Daigle, Chuck Garman, Beverly Gillette, Ann Krawet, Gale LaBelle (Warden), Blanche Lennington, Priscilla McEwen and Al Trivers (Clerk). The Constable was Michael Sawyer. The polls closed at 8:00 p.m. and the unofficial results were printed and posted.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne W. Pryor,
Town Clerk