



## 2013 CONCORD ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

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The four-member Board of Registrars consists of two members from each of the major political parties--three members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, plus the Town Clerk.

Note: Detailed voter registration and election results are reported elsewhere in this Report.

### Voter Registration

The Town Clerk's Office continued to utilize the State's Voter Registration Information System for voter registration. This system connects Concord with Town Clerk offices across the State to avoid duplication of voter registrations, and allows residents to register to vote or change their address or party affiliation at the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

During the year when we encountered petition signers who were not registered voters in Concord (and therefore could not be certified as signers), we mailed voter registration forms to them, resulting in an excellent return. We also continue to do this with younger residents when they reach voting age at 18, with good results. The Office registered 637 new voters during the year, ending the year with a record 12,820 voters. In addition, 513 voters were deleted, 142 switched parties during 2013, and 482 were placed on Inactive Voter status due to either not returning a census form, or information that we received that they no longer live in Concord.

### Census

As has been done for the past several years, the Town Clerk's Office printed and prepared the census forms in-house, instead of using an outside vendor, resulting in a considerable cost savings. The forms were distributed to residents in late December. The January 2013 population per the Town Census was 15,954. As of December 31, 2013, there were 390 residents living at Concord Mews, the large residential unit opened in West Concord during 2012. Included in this number are 216 active registered voters.

Town Caucus—January 28, 2013

Turnout for the Town Caucus was the highest in ten years, with 136 in attendance. One individual was nominated each for Town Moderator and Concord Housing Authority. Two were nominated for two positions on the Board of Selectmen. Four individuals were nominated for two positions on the School Committee. All are to be commended for their willingness to run for office and serve the Town in these volunteer capacities.

#### Annual Town Election—March 19, 2013

Despite a snowy start to the day, voter turnout was relatively high, due to a lively School Committee race. The weather improved by mid-morning, which helped with the turnout, which was 24% for the day. Except for School Committee, all other races were uncontested. There were 311 absentee ballots distributed for this election.

#### Annual Town Meeting—April 22, 23 and 24, 2013

The Annual Town Meeting featured 63 Warrant Articles (including 10 submitted by petition) and was attended by 1,012 registered voters on the first night, 514 the second night, and 1,352 on the third and final night. During the course of the three nights of Town Meeting, 1,795 different voters were in attendance (14.2% of the registered voters in Concord). An excerpted copy of the Annual Town Meeting minutes is available elsewhere in this Report.

#### Special State Primary—April 30, 2013

A Special Election was called to fill the vacancy for U.S. Senator, created by the appointment of Senator John Kerry as Secretary of State. 2013 was the second year that electronic ballots were available for overseas and military voters for all state and federal elections. This has proven to be very popular, with overseas voters given the option of returning the ballots electronically via e-mail, fax or postal mail. While not required by state law, Concord has made electronic ballots available to overseas and military voters for local elections since 2012. Voter turnout for the primary was 26%, with 3,237 voters participating (2,520 voters casting Democrat ballots and 717 casting Republican ballots). There were 157 absentee ballots distributed for this Election.

#### Special State Election—June 25, 2013

Voter turnout for this election was high, with 42% of voters participating. There were 602 absentee ballots distributed for this Election. It should be noted that the Town received state reimbursement for most of the costs associated with running both the Special State Primary and the Special State Election.

#### Special Town Meeting—December 4, 2013

A Special Town Meeting was called by the Selectmen to address two land acquisition articles and one petition article to rescind the Water Bottle Bylaw adopted by the Town in 2012. Attendance was good, with 1,043 registered voters attending (8.2% of registered voters). An excerpted copy of the Special Town Meeting minutes is available elsewhere in this Report.

#### Nomination Papers/Initiative Petitions

During the year, we certified 241 signatures on 10 Annual Town Meeting petitions; 149 signatures on one Special Town Meeting petition; 512 signatures on nomination papers for candidates for the Special State Primary ballot; and 1,608 signatures on various state Initiative Petitions. Voters are reminded to sign nomination papers and petitions using their legal voting name and address.

TOWN OF CONCORD  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION--March 19, 2013  
OFFICIAL RESULTS -- All Ballots Counted

PRECINCTS	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
Total Votes Cast	669	645	628	708	409	3,059
Total Registered Voters	2,473	2,821	2,755	2,773	1,808	12,630
Percentage Voter turnout	27.05%	22.86%	22.79%	25.53%	22.62%	24.22%
<u>MODERATOR for 1 Year</u>		Vote for Not More Than One				
Blanks	120	116	106	111	72	525
Eric E. Van Loon	541	523	518	590	337	2,509
Write-Ins	8	6	4	7	0	25
TOTALS	669	645	628	708	409	3,059
<u>SELECTMAN for 3 Years</u>		Vote for Not More Than Two				
Blanks	414	402	383	384	261	1,844
Carmin C. Reiss	461	446	439	522	278	2,146
Alice Kaufman	452	440	428	509	277	2,106
Write-Ins	11	2	6	1	2	22
TOTALS	1,338	1,290	1,256	1,416	818	6,118
<u>SCHOOL COMMITTEE for 3 Years</u>		Vote for Not More Than Two				
Blanks	50	29	40	32	18	169
Lisa Bergen	279	410	215	328	214	1,446
Johanna Neilson Boynton	377	217	387	382	206	1,569
Cynthia J. Rainey	245	374	193	289	187	1,288
Kathleen Gerard Snook	386	259	421	385	192	1,643
Write-Ins	1	1	0	0	1	3
TOTALS	1,338	1,290	1,256	1,416	818	6,118
<u>CONCORD HOUSING AUTHORITY for 5 Years</u>		Vote for Not More Than One				
Blanks	190	181	161	169	111	812
Dennon A. Rodrigue	478	463	466	538	297	2,242
Write-Ins	1	1	1	1	1	5
TOTALS	669	645	628	708	409	3,059

TOWN PROFILE

POPULATION as of January 1, 2013 census		POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION as of December 31, 2013	
Adults (17 or over)	12,609	<u>RECOGNIZED PARTIES IN MA</u>	
<u>POPULATION BY AGE GROUP</u>		Democrat	4,413
Under 20 years	4,090	Republican	1,753
20-29 years	1,450	Unenrolled	6,601
30-39 years	1,014	(-formerly Independent)	
40-49 years	2,203	<u>POLITICAL DESIGNATIONS</u>	
50-59 years	2,744	Libertarian	32
60-69 years	2,130	Green-Rainbow	21
70 years and over	2,323	TOTAL	12,820
TOTAL	15,954		

TOWN OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS  
SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY--April 30, 2013  
OFFICIAL TALLY

	PRECINCTS					TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	
TOTAL VOTES CAST	682	702	691	736	426	3,237
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS	2,471	2,799	2,748	2,765	1,799	12,582
PERCENTAGE VOTER TURNOUT	27.60%	25.08%	25.15%	26.62%	23.68%	25.73%
<b>DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY</b>						
<b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b>						
Blanks	1	1	0	0	0	2
Stephen F. Lynch	65	91	74	72	20	322
Edward J. Markey	467	476	443	505	304	2,195
Write-Ins	0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL DEMOCRATIC BALLOTS	533	568	518	577	324	2,520
Write-Ins:						
Gabriel E. Gomez	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total Democratic Write-In Ballots	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>REPUBLICAN PRIMARY</b>						
<b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b>						
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gabriel E. Gomez	88	61	80	86	58	373
Michael J. Sullivan	38	46	53	48	23	208
Daniel B. Winslow	23	27	40	24	20	134
Write-Ins	0	0	0	1	1	2
TOTAL REPUBLICAN BALLOTS	149	134	173	159	102	717
Write-Ins:						
Edward J. Markey	0	0	0	1	0	1
Paul Cellucci	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total Republican Write-In Ballots	0	0	0	1	1	2
<b>TOTAL BALLOTS:</b>						
DEMOCRATIC PARTY	533	568	518	577	324	2,520
REPUBLICAN PARTY	149	134	173	159	102	717
TOTAL BALLOTS CAST	682	702	691	736	426	3,237

TOWN OF CONCORD MASSACHUSETTS  
SPECIAL STATE ELECTION--JUNE 25, 2013

OFFICIAL RESULTS—INCLUDES PROVISIONAL & OVERSEAS VOTERS

	PRECINCTS					TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	
Total Votes Cast	1,038	1,152	1,208	1,160	768	5,326
Total Registered Voters	2,476	2,826	2,764	2,791	1,807	12,664
Percentage Voter turnout	41.92%	40.76%	43.70%	41.56%	42.50%	42.06%
<b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b>						
Blanks	0	0	0	3	0	3
Gabriel E. Gomez	308	339	405	373	249	1,674
Edward J. Markey	725	810	801	781	518	3,635
Richard A. Heos	4	3	0	3	0	10
Write-Ins	1	0	2	0	1	4
TOTAL BALLOTS	1,038	1,152	1,208	1,160	768	5,326

## CONCORD VOTER TURNOUT HISTORY

ELECTION	Turnout	% of Voters
March 19, 2013—Annual Town Election (SC contest)	3,059	24%
April 30, 2013—Special State Primary (U.S. Senator Vacancy)	3,237	26%
June 25, 2013—Special State Election (U.S. Senator Vacancy)	5,326	42%
November 6, 2012—General Election (Presidential)	11,055	85%
September 6, 2012—State Primary	3,897	31%
March 6, 2012—Presidential Primary	2,973	24%
March 6, 2012—Annual Town Election (BOS & CHA contests)	2,931	24%
November 15, 2011—Special Town Election (CCHS Design & Construction Debt Exclusion)	4,235	35%
March 29, 2011—Annual Town Election (Housing Authority contest)	742	6%
November 2, 2010—State Election (Gubernatorial)	8,765	72%
September 14, 2010—State Primary	2,660	22%
June 8, 2010—Special Town Election (CCHS Feasibility Study)	2,259	19%
March 23, 2010—Annual Town Election (Moderator contest)	2,112	17%
January 19, 2010—Special State Election (U.S. Senator Vacancy)	8,783	73%
December 8, 2009—Special State Primary (U.S. Senator Vacancy)	4,401	37%
March 31, 2009—Annual Town Election (CCHS Debt Exclusion)	2,644	22%
November 4, 2008—General Election (Presidential)	10,582	86%
September 16, 2008—State Primary	2,350	20%
April 1, 2008—Annual Town Election (no contests)	574	5%
February 5, 2008—Presidential Primary	7,598	63%
November 14, 2007—Special Town Election (Willard School)	3,362	29%
October 16, 2007—Special State Election (Congressional Vacancy)	4,587	39%
September 4, 2007—Special State Primary (Congressional Vacancy)	2,945	25%
March 27, 2007—Annual Town Election (No contests + CCHS Debt Exclusion)	1,494	13%
November 7, 2006—State Election (Gubernatorial)	8,473	72%
September 19, 2006—State Primary (Gubernatorial)	4,089	35%
June 6, 2006—Special Town Election (Town & School Overrides)	1,994	17%
March 28, 2006—Annual Town Election & Willard Design Override	3,907	34%
June 7, 2005—Special Town Election (Town & School Overrides & Debt Exclusions for Willard & CCHS)	3,359	29%
March 29, 2005—Annual Town Election (no contests)	425	4%
November 2, 2004—General Election (Presidential & CPA)	10,205	86%
June 8, 2004—Special Town Election (Town & School Overrides)	5,351	46%
March 2, 2004—Presidential Primary	5,123	45%
March 2, 2004—Annual Town Election	5,361	47%
September 23, 2003—Special Town Election (School Overrides)	4,112	37%
May 13, 2003—Special Town Election (Town & School Overrides)	4,359	39%
March 25, 2003—Town Election	2,890	26%
November 5, 2002—State Election (Gubernatorial)	8,444	73%
September 17, 2002—State Primary (Gubernatorial)	4,449	39%
June 19, 2002—Special Town Election (Alcott School Debt Exclusion)	3,699	32%
May 14, 2002—Special Town Election (Town & School Overrides)	3,875	33%
March 26, 2002—Town Election	3,002	26%
June 12, 2001—Special Town Election (Town & School Overrides)	6,288	54%
March 27, 2001—Town Election	1,991	17%
November 7, 2000—General Election (Presidential)	9,742	83%
March 7, 2000—Town Election	6,994	60%
March 7, 2000—Presidential Primary	6,895	59%
October 26, 1999—Special State Election (State Rep)	3,356	30%
September 28, 1999—Special State Primary (State Rep)	2,650	24%
June 10, 1999—Special Town Election (School Override)	4,804	43%