

****As no in-person Town Meeting was held in 2020, and thus no official minutes were taken, these notes serve as a brief summary of the 2020 voting cycle.**

Civic Betterment Party summary notes post cycle 2020

Planning for the 2020 election cycle began earlier than usual, in July, due to concerns about the logistical challenges of operating in the midst of a pandemic. The Civic Betterment Party Nominating Committee met via zoom on a weekly basis throughout the remainder of the summer and fall of 2020. It was determined that the Town Meeting would have to be moved up in the calendar, in order to accommodate sufficient time to circulate ballots for those slated candidates given the restrictions imposed by the pandemic. Therefore, rather than being held on the first Saturday after Thanksgiving, the Town Meeting was held on November 14, 2020, three weeks earlier than usual. Due to restrictions resulting from COVID-19, an in person Town Meeting was not held in 2020. Voting was held from 9 a.m until 2 p.m. on site in the gym at the Civic Center, with mask and social distancing requirements in place, and also at two drive through locations in the Village, one at The Links on the south side of town, and one in the parking lot west of the Library. Early voting was held at the Civic Center on Monday through Thursday of the preceding week. Based on the number of voter affidavits filed during the early voting period, 464 ballots were cast early (as compared to 83 in 2018). A total of 1,728 ballots were cast overall. This is an increase of 1203 over 2018 (525 voter affidavits filed).

Ballots were counted by the League of Women Voters, as is our tradition. The results were posted on the CBP website and through a press release.

The election of CBP officers and Nominating Committee members was deferred.

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Secretary**