

Final Results - Annual Town Election Offices - May 16, 2023

1526 Total Voters - 27% Turnout

Polls were opened at 9am and closed at 7pm.

Precinct 1 Precinct 2 Totals

CONSTABLE (1)

Kevin Higgins	667	650	1317
BLANKS	91	118	209
All Others	0	0	
Total	758	768	1526

SELECT BOARD (2)

Andrea Shaw Reed	612	597	1209
Mefford R. Runyon	606	556	1162
BLANKS	271	364	635
David Currier	4	2	6
John Kanaga	4	2	6
All Others	19	15	
Total	1516	1536	3052

BOARD OF HEALTH (2)

John C. Kanaga	456	511	967
Sims McGrath, Jr.	522	495	1017
Robert E. Gwin	219	216	435
BLANKS	318	313	631
All Others	1	1	
Total	1516	1536	3052

NAUSET REG SCHOOL COMMITTEE (1)

Judith S. Schumacher	586	572	1158
BLANKS	172	193	365
All Others	0	3	
Total	758	768	1526

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE (2)

Gail M. Briere	603	604	1207
Sasandra H. Roche	576	574	1150
BLANKS	337	357	694
All Others	0	1	
Total	1516	1536	3052

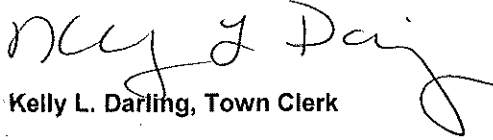
TRUSTEE FOR SNOW LIBRARY (2)

Joan D. Francolini	600	571	1171
Lindsey Malatesta Goodman	595	566	1161
BLANKS	320	398	718
All Others	1	1	
Total	1516	1536	3052

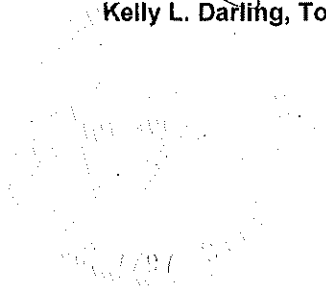
HOUSING AUTHORITY (1)

BLANKS	738	752	1490
Alan McClennan	0	3	3
Diane Fromm	0	2	2
Michael Betlinks	2	0	2
David Koskins	2	0	2
John Conden	2	0	2
Joseph Kerr	2	0	2
All Others	12	11	
Total	758	768	1526

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Kelly L. Darling, Town Clerk



Orleans May 16, 2023 Annual Town Election Ballot Questions - Certified Results

QUESTION 1.

Shall the Town of Orleans be allowed to assess an additional \$211,827 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a portion of the Town's share of the Nauset Regional School District Assessment, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023?

YES	584	590	1174
NO	161	167	328
Blanks	13	11	24
Totals	758	768	1526

QUESTION 2.

Shall the Town of Orleans be allowed to assess an additional \$49,484 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a portion of the Town's share of the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School District Assessment, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023?

YES	609	599	1208
NO	133	161	294
Blanks	16	8	24
Totals	758	768	1526

QUESTION 3.

Shall the Town of Orleans be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition 2½, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund the Survey and Preliminary Design of Phase III Lakes & Ponds Sewer Study Area including Contract Administration, Engineering, and Owner's Project Management Services; and for funding the Lonnie's Pond demonstration oyster project and conducting Watershed-Wide Planning, Investigations, and Public Engagement, including all expenses incidental and related thereto?

#3 Survey/Design Phase III			
YES	540	521	1061
NO	203	229	432
Blanks	15	18	33
Totals	758	768	1526

QUESTION 4.

Shall the Town of Orleans be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition 2½, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund the additional costs for Phase I associated with the construction of the Downtown Area Sewer Collection System, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Effluent Disposal System, including all expenses incidental and related thereto?

YES	575	574	1149
NO	171	184	355
Blanks	12	10	22
Totals	758	768	1526

QUESTION 5.

Shall the Town of Orleans be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition 2½, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund the additional costs for Phase II associated with the construction of the Meetinghouse Pond Area Collection System and Pumping Station Project, including all expenses incidental and related thereto?

YES	534	520	1054
NO	175	206	381
Blanks	49	42	91
Totals	758	768	1526

QUESTION 6.

Shall the Town of Orleans be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition 2½, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund the Rock Harbor Dredging project, including all expenses incidental and related thereto?

YES	565	600	1165
NO	155	130	285
Blanks	38	38	76
Totals	758	768	1526

QUESTION 7.

Shall the Town of Orleans be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition 2½, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund the fuel tanks construction project at Rock Harbor, including all expenses incidental and related thereto?

YES	522	557	1079
NO	184	163	347
Blanks	52	48	100
Totals	758	768	1526

QUESTION 8.

Shall the Town of Orleans be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition 2½, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund the aerial ladder truck for the Fire Department, including all expenses incidental and related thereto?

	YES	502	542	1044
	NO	219	185	404
		37	41	78
Totals		758	768	1526

QUESTION 9.

Shall the Town of Orleans be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition 2½, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund the Veterans Memorial Park rehabilitation, including all expenses incidental and related thereto?

	YES	444	470	914
	NO	266	250	516
	Blanks	48	48	96
Totals		758	768	1526

QUESTION 10.

Shall the Town of Orleans be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition 2½, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund the permitting and reconstruction of the Pilgrim Lake Fish Ladder rehabilitation project, including acquiring temporary easements from abutters as may be necessary to undertake the project, including all expenses incidental and related thereto?

#10 Fish Ladder Repair				
	YES	521	492	1013
	NO	193	225	418
	Blanks	44	51	95
Totals		758	768	1526

QUESTION 11.

Shall the Town of Orleans be allowed to assess an additional \$225,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding and depositing into the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023?

	YES	497	473	970
	NO	212	253	465
	Blanks	49	42	91
Totals		758	768	1526

QUESTION 12.

Shall the Town of Orleans approve the Charter Amendment proposed by Article 53 of the May 9, 2022, Annual Town Meeting as summarized below.

This amendment requires notice of the date for the opening and closing of the Warrant for all Town Meetings be posted on the town website and be published in a news outlet of general circulation in the town, adds language to make the opening and closing of the Warrant for all Town Meetings more flexible, eliminates the requirement that the Warrant be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town, and in place thereof requires that at least 14 days before the Town Meeting a notice of availability of the Warrant be published in a news outlet of general circulation in the Town and the Warrant be posted on the town website. Both the published notice of availability and the posted Warrant must include where printed copies of the Warrant can be obtained. Finally, the amendment clarifies that the Warrant for all Town Meetings must be posted in every post office in the Town at least 14 days prior to such meeting.

YES	638	657	1295
NO	73	71	144
Blanks	47	40	87
Totals	758	768	1526

QUESTION 13

Shall the Town of Orleans approve the Charter Amendment proposed by Article 54 of the May 9, 2022, Annual Town Meeting as summarized below.

This amendment updates the Preamble to the Charter, reaffirms its intent, and acknowledges the peoples who existed before on the lands that now comprise the Town.

YES	628	607	1235
NO	81	107	188
Blanks	47	54	101
Totals	756	768	1524

QUESTION 14

Shall the Town of Orleans approve the Charter Amendment proposed by Article 55 of the May 9, 2022, Annual Town Meeting as summarized below.

This amendment clarifies that when designated by the chair associate members of multi member bodies of the Town, can vote. The amendment also adds a reference to the Conflict-of-Interest Law.

YES	593	596	1189
NO	97	114	211
Blanks	68	58	126
Totals	758	768	1526

QUESTION 15

Shall the Town of Orleans approve the Charter Amendment proposed by Article 56 of the May 9, 2022, Annual Town Meeting as summarized below.

This amendment adds the option for the Select Board and the Finance Committee to distribute a flyer on the floor of Town Meeting to inform voters of votes they have taken on articles after the posting of the Warrant.

YES	647	638	1285
NO	62	87	149
Blanks	49	43	92
Totals	758	768	1526

QUESTION 16

Shall the Town of Orleans approve the Charter Amendment proposed by Article 57 of the May 9, 2022, Annual Town Meeting as summarized below.

This amendment deletes the charter requirement for Town Meeting approval of formal contracts with other government agencies that require an appropriation in excess of \$500,000 or contain a commitment by the Town in excess of five (5) years.

YES	374	350	724
NO	314	347	661
Blanks	70	71	141
Totals	758	768	1526

QUESTION 17

Shall the Town of Orleans approve the Charter Amendment proposed by Article 58 of the May 9, 2022, Annual Town Meeting as summarized below.

This amendment deletes language in the charter relating to transition to a charter form of government which is no longer necessary.

YES	636	622	1258
NO	57	81	138
Blanks	65	65	130
Totals	758	768	1526

QUESTION 18

Shall the Town of Orleans approve the Charter Amendment proposed by Article 59 of the May 9, 2022, Annual Town meeting as summarized below.

This amendment makes optional the requirement for the Planning Board to present a report at each Annual Town Meeting specifying which Comprehensive Plan actions are being fulfilled during the current fiscal year.

YES	448	411	859
NO	254	304	558
Blanks	56	53	109
Totals	758	768	1526

QUESTION 19

Shall the Town of Orleans approve the Charter Amendment proposed by Article 60 of the May 9, 2022, Annual Town Meeting as summarized below.

This amendment increases the number of members of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners appointed by the Select Board from 3 to 5, thereby increasing the Board membership to 7 members and 2 associates. The amendment further authorizes the Select Board to establish sewer fees.

YES	587	571	1158
NO	122	152	274
Blanks	49	45	94
Totals	758	768	1526

QUESTION 20

Shall the Town of Orleans approve the Charter Amendment proposed by Article 63 of the May 9, 2022, Annual Town Meeting as summarized below.

This amendment provides for greater use of the Town website in the promotion of citizen and voter participation and representation in Town affairs including the Select Board's annual non-resident taxpayers meeting. Additionally, it requires both the Select Board and the Town Moderator to utilize the website to post committee vacancies prior to making appointments. Finally, it requires the Select Board to post the general summary of Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the Capital Budget, together with notice of the joint hearing with the Finance Committee, on the website and publish it in a news outlet of general circulation in the Town and in at least three public places.

YES	671	685	1356
NO	41	44	85
Blanks	46	39	85
Totals	758	768	1526

QUESTION 21

Shall the Town of Orleans approve the Charter Amendment proposed by Article 64 of the May 9, 2022, Annual town Meeting as summarized below.

This amendment changes the title of the Town Administrator to Town Manager.

YES	660	673	1333
NO	67	71	138
Blanks	31	24	55
	758	768	1526

QUESTION 22

Shall the Town of Orleans approve the Charter Amendment proposed by Article 21, of the October 17, 2022, Special Town Meeting as summarized below.

This amendment consolidates sections pertaining to the Charter's purpose, operations, amendment, transition requirements, enforcement procedures and definitions in Chapter 1 and adds a definition of news outlets for the purpose of publication and posting for required notices, hearings and town meetings.

YES	655	670	1325
NO	59	55	114
Blanks	44	43	87
Totals	758	768	1526

QUESTION 23

Shall the Town of Orleans approve the Charter Amendment proposed by Article 22 of the October 17, 2022, Special Town Meeting as summarized below.

This amendment clarifies that when there is a conflict between the provisions of the Charter and Town by-laws, rules and regulations, that the provisions of the Charter shall control.

YES	594	603	1197
NO	104	111	215
Blanks	60	54	113
Totals	758	768	1526

QUESTION 24

Shall the Town of Orleans approve the Charter Amendment proposed by Article 27, of the October 17, 2022, Special Town Meeting as summarized below.

The existing Charter requires the Town Moderator to preside at any hearing called to discuss the suspension or removal of the Town Manager. This amendment provides an option to the Town Moderator to designate a professional neutral hearing officer to preside at any such hearing.

YES	673	671	1344
NO	56	67	123
blanks	29	30	59
Totals	758	768	1526

QUESTION 25

Shall the Town of Orleans approve the Charter Amendment proposed by Article 28, of the October 17, 2022, Special Town Meeting as summarized below.

This amendment changes the name of Chapter 5 to Multi-Member Bodies to be consistent with other references in the Charter and consolidates in Chapter 5 the requirement that all elected officials or members of multi-member bodies be sworn in by the Town Clerk prior to taking up their duties.

YES	679	690	1369
NO	44	36	80
Blanks	35	42	77
totals	758	768	1526

QUESTION 26

Shall the Town of Orleans approve the Charter Amendment proposed by Article 30, of the October 17, 2022, Special Town Meeting as summarized below.

This amendment renumbers within Chapter 8 the responsibilities of the Finance Committee, adds two associate members to the Finance Committee and provides that new members shall take up their duties on the 16th day of the fiscal year, rather than the 1st day of the fiscal year, to allow existing members to complete their review of year-end financial records.

YES	668	678	1346
NO	57	58	115
Blanks	33	32	65
Totals	758	768	1526

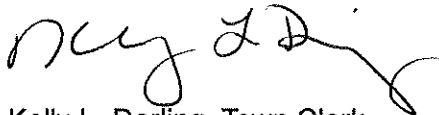
QUESTION 27

Shall the Town of Orleans approve the Charter Amendment proposed by Article 31, of the October 17, 2022, Special Town Meeting as summarized below.

This amendment clarifies the role of the Planning Board in making recommendations to the Select Board, Town Manager and Town Meeting regarding the Orleans Comprehensive Plan.

YES	682	680	1362
NO	44	48	92
Blanks	32	40	72
Totals	758	768	1526

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