

WINDHAM INDEPENDENT NEWS

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Windham Election Issue Put to Rest Ballot Law Commission Accepts Audit Report

Concord, NH ~ We can all breathe a huge sigh of relief. After a lengthy process, the issue of the November election results and audit can be set aside in favor of more pressing concerns, like climate change, an ongoing pandemic, and voter suppression.

This past week, the state's Ballot Law Commission endorsed the Windham Audit team's findings that the discrepancy between the November election results and the recount was a result of the machines misreading folds in some of the absentee ballots.

According to its report, the Commission found that "the discrepancies in Windham in November, 2020, were the result of a unique set of circumstances, not the result of malfunctioning of the ballot-counting devices, and are not likely to reoccur."

After nearly three weeks of work, witnessed by a bi-partisan subset of the appointed Windham observers, the audit team reported that the discrepancy was due to the unlikely combination of the way the ballot was printed, the way a machine folded some of the absentee ballots, a high number of absentee ballots being cast during the pandemic and dust inside some machines that caused them to read a fold as a vote.

The good news is that we can be confident that the election process can be trusted and that the outcome of the November election is, in fact, as it should be.

Thank you to **Kristi St. Laurent** for pushing the Ballot Law Commission to continue to investigate the issue!

-Submitted by the Windham Democratic Town Committee

Who are the Windems and how can I get involved?

The Windham Democratic Town Committee, familiarly known as the Windems, is a locally-based and locally-funded group here in Windham that works to further Democratic ideals of equality, fair treatment for all, support for our businesses and families, and a government that works for everyone, not just those with all the power.

Windems meet monthly to hear a speaker share information on topics dear to our hearts, from climate change to school funding to safe drinking water.

Windems has been growing and we don't want you to miss out!

This is a group for those of you who are tired of divisiveness and hatred being sold as policy.

This is a group for those of you who disagree with the outside money being poured into our local elections and funding legislation being brought before the NH Congress.

This is a group for those of you interested in joining with others who agree that we need to address climate change, voter suppression and diversity, equity and inclusion.

This is a group for those of you who are concerned about individual freedoms being taken away by those who want to push their oppressive beliefs on everyone.

Everyone is welcome to join our monthly meetings, no matter the party designation.

Our mission statement says it all: The Windham NH Democratic Town Committee is dedicated to the proposition that Windham is a beautiful, civic-minded, and historic town. We, its members, are dedicated to strengthening the bonds of our community, increasing our visibility, doing good in the town, and building and supporting the political capabilities to elect Democratic officials at every level.

For more information on how you can join our team, visit www.windems.org.