Post Benn 1 VT Rep Recount   for Bennington Superior Court, case no. 22-CV-03969   1 Dec 2022

The following are some questions and observations for the Court with the goal of improving Vote counting procedures. And for to improve the trust of the voting community that All votes have been counted to the utmost of accuracy.

1. After the original assignment of six individuals from each candidate, in pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2602a (b)(2),
    Why, during the beginning of the recount procedure, was one of my committee members (Paul Beaudette) removed from the committee (leaving me with five) and replaced with a democrat chosen from Nelson Brownell's list (elevating his committee members to seven)?

2. The original Petition for a Hand Recount specifically states a "Hand" recount.

    Why was a "Hand" recount not done in addition to the tabulator recount?

My request as stated, is in red below;

3. On Nov. 14, 2022 a letter of request was dropped off with the County Clerk with a request for that "Hand" recount to occur at 17 V.S.A § 2602e. (a)(3) "when the counting team is sorting the ballots into stacks of 50, I am requesting those stacks should be candidate specific. This way when feeding them through the tabulator it will be easier to catch a miscount."

    This request was not honored. Why was this request not honored?

4. This same request (as in bullet 3 above) was made by a member of the recount committee on the morning of the recount before the recount began.

    This request also was not honored. Why was this request not honored?

Note to the above two bullets, no. 3 & no. 4. During the recount, the two tables making the stacks of fifty were done and waited with nothing to do for over an hour and a half at least. There was plenty of time to stack ballots candidate specific and would only have had a slight delay in the start time of sending them through the tabulator.

My request as stated, is in red below;

5. Also on the letter of Nov. 14, 2022 there was another request at 17 V.S.A. § 2602f. (c)(1) "the vote tabulator team shall take from the sorted ballots, announce the voted for candidate's name, hand counts recorded, and then feed them through a vote tabulator."

    This request also was not honored. Why was this request not honored?

Note to the above bullet, no. 5. During the recount, the tabulator team was watching the tabulator counts. There were still extra members (of both candidates) who were submitted submitted to the court, standing by if needed. The ballots were fed into the tabulator one ballot at a time. The clerk feeding the ballots into the tabulator could have easily looked at the ballot and announce who the vote

was for. This then could have been recorded by the extras available for the recount and then that total compared to the tabulator count for verification of the tabulator's and the hand count's accuracies.

There was hours of inactivity of human interaction that could have been utilized.

6. The recount numbers were not audibly announced after leaving the tabulator and given to the clerk, making it difficult for the viewers to see those results.
    Then after all the votes were counted and added, and recorded on a master summary sheet, the clerk sealed the counts for all towns and sent them off to the court, pursuant to 71 V.S.A. § 2602h. (d)(2) and (e).

    There were requests made to hear those counts, as does the general election at 17V.S.A. § 2588 (2)(B) allow, but those requests were not honored.
    Why were these request not honored?

7. In accordance with Tile 1: General Provisions; Chapter 005: Common Law; General Rights, Subchapter 003: Access To Public Records and Documents;

I am requesting a copy of the "Official Return of Votes" supplied to the court from each Town; Pownal, Stamford, Readsboro, Woodford, Searsburg. That was required under 17 V.S.A. § 2602 (c)(2)(B).
And also a copy of the Master Summary Sheet for each town and also a copy of any Master Summary Sheet as supplied to the court under 17 V.S.A. § 2602h. (d)(2) and (e). (If not already supplied)

8. Also, In accordance with Tile 1: General Provisions; Chapter 005: Common Law; General Rights, Subchapter 003: Access To Public Records and Documents;

In regards to the Memory Cards programming, for the recount, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2602f. (b), I am requesting a printed, paper copy of the program loaded on the cards. In addition with the title of the code language used, (examples: c code, text, ladder logic, logic gate, ect.)

9. Also, In accordance with Tile 1: General Provisions; Chapter 005: Common Law; General Rights, Subchapter 003: Access To Public Records and Documents;

In regards to the Memory Cards programming, for the general election, for Pownal's tabulator, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2602f. (b), I am requesting a printed, paper copy of the program loaded on the cards mentioned in 17 V.S.A. § 2493 (c). In addition with the title of the code language used, (examples: c code, text, ladder logic, logic gate, ect.)

Answers are expected within 7 days from submittal on 1 Dec. 2022
Why all the secrecy?

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Some people try to get by doing the minimal required by the law while other People try to do the maximum permissible by the law.

Some people are restricted by the law, some people are driven by the law.

And yes, I am writing a book and plan on doing some training sessions also.

Thank you,
 Bruce