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## **Unofficial Election Results: Stevenson Re-elected, Challenger Richards Off the Selectmen Board, Democrat Sparkman In**

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*Editor's note: This article will be updated, sometimes with new headlines, as information comes in on Election night.*

**Update 9:15 p.m.:** Reports from Darien Republican Campaign Headquarters have unofficial results showing First Selectman Jayme Stevenson has been re-elected, with challenger Rob Richards getting fewer votes than fellow Democratic Board of Selectmen candidates, meaning he will be off the board in the new term.

Results without absentee ballots, according to a picture published online by the Darien Times, showed Sparkman with 1,004 votes and Richards well behind, with 906. Absentee ballots cast in this election, according to the Registrars of Voters Office, only totalled 144. If these numbers are correct, Richards would need to get an overwhelming number of the absentee votes.

**Original article:**

Polls closed at 8 a.m. for Darien's town government elections, with all seats on the Board of Selectmen up for election to four-year terms and some seats on other boards, along with various town officers, including first selectman.

A total of 3,460 voters cast ballots in the election, or 26.3 percent of the total number of 13,146 registered voters in town. (An earlier error in the town's calculations for that was spotted by Darienite.com and was quickly fixed just minutes ago by the Registrars of Voters Office.)

As of early Nov. 7, Republicans were 5,748 of the total number of registered voters (43.7 percent of all registered voters), Democrats number 2,659 (20.2 percent) and there are 4,623 unaffiliated voters (or 35.2 percent; those three figures add up to 13,020 — perhaps the other 126 voters belong to minor parties).