

## Election Canvassing Tuesday will decide Beech Mountain

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Election canvassing is scheduled for 11 a.m. tomorrow. Thursday's sample recount once again proved the efficiency of Watauga's voting machines.

Now all that remains is counting the provisional ballots, a task that, as Boone found out in October, could impact close election results, namely those in Beech Mountain. Three provisional votes have not been counted- and those votes will decide which incumbent stays on the council. While newcomer Alan Holcombe and incumbent Rick Owen are safe with 113 and 88 votes respectively, incumbents Randy Corn and Paul Piquet are tied for third at 64 votes each. With only three slots available, Tuesday's canvassing should decide the election.

Blowing Rock is waiting on two provisional ballots, but that's not enough to make a difference. Nor are the 69 provisional ballots yet to be counted in Boone. Seven Devils has one provisional ballot. All election results are unofficial until the conclusion of tomorrow's canvassing.