

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF HARWICH
ANNUAL ELECTION BALLOT
JUNE 30, 2020**

BARNSTABLE, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Harwich in said County,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Community Center Gymnasium, 100 Oak Street, in said Town on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 then and there to act on the following ballot:

POLLS WILL BE OPEN AT 11:00 A.M. and CLOSE AT 6:00 P.M.

To choose on one (1) ballot the following Town Officers and Committees: two (2) Selectmen for three (3) years; two (2) Monomoy Regional School Committee Member for three (3) years; two (2) Library Trustees for three (3) years; one (1) Water Commissioner for three (3) years; one (1) Housing Authority Member for five (5) years

**TOWN OF HARWICH CHARTER AMENDMENT –
BALLOT QUESTIONS AND SUMMARIES**

BALLOT QUESTION NO. 1:

Shall the Town of Harwich approve the charter amendment proposed by Town Meeting summarized below?

Yes: _____

No: _____

SUMMARY OF BALLOT QUESTION NO. 1:

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 43B, Section 10, allows Town Meeting to vote to amend the Town's Charter. On May 6, 2019, Annual Town Meeting voted unanimously to amend the Town's Charter through Warrant Article 35. That Charter Amendment is conditioned upon the voters approving the same at this 2020 Annual Town Election.

The Proposal will amend Chapters 6 and 10 of the Town Charter so as to form a new water and wastewater commission, which will be a five-member board elected for three year terms. The water and wastewater commission will be responsible for the administration, maintenance, and operation of the water and sewer systems and facilities throughout the Town of Harwich. The water commission will cease to exist but the current three members of the water commission will serve out the remainder of their elected terms as members of the water and wastewater commission, and may run for re-election to the water and wastewater commission when their current terms expire. At the next annual election after the approval of this question, two new members of the water and wastewater commission will be elected.

All records, property, and equipment currently held by the water commission will be transferred to the water and wastewater commission, and all funds appropriated for the water commission and for the sewer systems will be available to the water and wastewater commission. The addition of sewer responsibilities will not affect any contracts or liabilities currently in force with the water commission. The board of selectmen will be responsible for the design and construction of town sewer systems, and for the implementation of a wastewater management plan.

A “YES” vote on this Ballot Question would be in favor of approving this amendment to the Charter.

A “NO” vote on this Ballot Question would be opposed to approving this amendment to the Charter.

BALLOT QUESTION NO. 2:

Shall the Town of Harwich approve the charter amendment proposed by Town Meeting summarized below?

Yes: _____

No: _____

SUMMARY OF BALLOT QUESTION NO. 2:

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 43B, Section 10, allows Town Meeting to vote to amend the Town’s Charter. On May 6, 2019, Annual Town Meeting voted to amend the Town’s Charter through Warrant Article 36. That Charter Amendment is conditioned upon the voters approving the same at this 2020 Annual Town Election.

The Proposal will amend Sections 9-5-2, 9-6-1, and 9-6-7 of the Charter which govern the procedures used by the Capital Outlay Committee to recommend warrant articles for Annual Town Meeting. The Capital Outlay Committee assists with the preparation of the Town’s 7-Year Capital Outlay Plan, which forecasts the Town’s spending on major capital assets, such as its machinery, land, and facilities. The Amendment will require the Capital Outlay Plan to be adopted or amended each year at Annual Town Meeting. The Amendment further provides that any warrant articles, with the exception of petitioned articles and Community Preservation Act articles, which are not included in the current year of the Capital Outlay Plan as adopted by Town Meeting, shall require approval by the Capital Outlay Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Board of Selectmen, along with a two-thirds vote at Town Meeting, before they will take effect.

A “YES” vote on this Ballot Question would be in favor of approving this amendment to the Charter.

A “NO” vote on this Ballot Question would be opposed to approving this amendment to the Charter.

Question - Public Advisory Question
This question is non-binding

Shall the Town of Harwich direct the Board of Selectmen to communicate to Governor Baker and the State Legislature with respect to the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station on Cape Cod Bay that the Governor and Legislature employ all means available to ensure that: (1) spent nuclear fuel is secured in better quality dry casks and hardened onsite storage; and (2) spent fuel pool and casks are protected with heightened security to prevent intrusion in order to protect the health, welfare, and economic interests of the Town of Harwich, its inhabitants and visitors.

Yes ____ No ____

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 26th day of May, 2020.

s/ Larry G. Ballantine, Chair
s/ Stephen P. Ford, Clerk
s/Michael D. MacAskill

s/ Edward J. McManus, Vice Chair
s/ Donald F. Howell

Board of Selectmen:
TOWN OF HARWICH

Attest: s/ Anita N. Doucette, MMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

DATE: June 10, 2020

By virtue of this Warrant I have this day notified and waned the inhabitants of the Town of Harwich, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Community Center, 100 Oak Street in said Town on Tuesday, the 30th of June 2020 at the time and place for the purpose herein named by posting up attested copies thereon in the four (4) Post Office buildings and in the Community Center in the Town of Harwich, which covers all four precincts, at least fourteen (14) days before the time of said meeting as within directed, and causing an attested copy thereof to be published in the Cape Cod Chronicle published in Barnstable County and having its circulation in the Town of Harwich.

s/David Robinson
Constable

The following persons will report to the Town Clerk at the Harwich Community Center Gymnasium, to sworn in as an Election Officer at **10:45** AM.

PRECINCT I
Warden: Sheila O'Toole
Clerk: Gayle Carroll
Insp.Ck In: Sandy Robinson
Insp.Ck Out: Janet Kaiser

PRECINCT II
Carol Thayer
Joan Callahan
Ann Kaplan
Juell Buckwold

PRECINCT III
Warden: Chuck Callahan
Clerk: Kathleen Muller
Insp. Ck In: Mary Anderson
Insp.Ck Out: Jo Anne Clancy

PRECINCT IV
Eric Carroll
Peggy Rose
Donna Tavano
Rosanne Shaprio

INFORMATION TABLE

John Eldredge –Sandy Hall – Deb Sementa – Dot Hemmings – Jan Bowers -
Carol Genatossio – Maddyline Hastings

The voters were directed to their respective precinct polling places in the Community Center gymnasium. Voting proceeded until 6:00 P.M. at which time, with no voters in sight or waiting to vote, the Town Clerk declared the polls closed. The ballot boxes were checked and registered a total of 807 included 19 early voters 349 absentee voters

The voting list of each precinct showed the same number of names checked as ballots cast.

These ballots were cast by Precincts as follows:

Precinct I	224	including	102	absentee votes	3 early voters
Precinct II	235	including	96	absentee votes	7 early voters
Precinct III	199	including	97	absentee votes	3 early voters
Precinct IV	149	including	54	absentee votes	6 early voters

The Town Clerk, Anita N. Doucette, announced the results on June 30, 2020 at 6:30 pm as follows:

BALLOT	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
BOARD OF SELECTMEN					807
BLANKS	101	113	98	87	399
LARRY G. BALLANTINE	174	176	140	104	594
DONALD F. HOWELL	169	173	155	107	604
ALL OTHERS	4	8	5	0	17
	448	470	398	298	1,614
MONOMOY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE					
BLANKS	80	110	84	76	350
MEREDITH HENDERSON	190	177	159	109	635
SHARON A. STOUT	177	183	154	112	626
ALL OTHERS	1	0	1	1	3
	448	470	398	298	1,614
TRUSTEES, BROOKS FREE LIBRARY					
BLANKS	76	81	80	79	316
JOANNE BROWN	193	201	162	110	666
LINDA A. CEBULA	178	188	155	108	629
ALL OTHERS	1	0	1	1	3
	448	470	398	298	1,614

WATER COMMISSIONER					
BLANKS	21	30	24	27	102
ALLIN P. THOMPSON, JR	203	205	175	122	705
ALL OTHERS	0	0	0	0	0
	224	235	199	149	807
HOUSING AUTHORITY - 5YR					
BLANKS	195	217	189	134	735
ELIZABETH R. HARDER	19	12	5	12	48
ALL OTHERS	10	6	5	3	24
	224	235	199	149	807
QUESTION #1 - CHARTER CHANGE					
BLANKS	7	7	4	4	22
YES	195	198	170	126	689
NO	22	30	25	19	96
	224	235	199	149	807
QUESTION #2 CHARTER CHANGE					
BLANKS	6	12	6	4	28
YES	193	197	157	124	671
NO	25	26	36	21	108
	224	235	199	149	807
QUESTION #3 - PUBLIC ADVISORY QUESTION - NON BINDING					
BLANKS	8	12	5	3	28
YES	205	203	169	135	712
NO	11	20	25	11	67
	224	235	199	149	807

Board of Registrars:

Raymond C. Gottwald
Dorothy G. Hemmings
Dorothy Parkhurst

Assistant Registrar:

Deborah Sementa
Anita N. Doucette

Attest:

s/Anita N. Doucette, MMC/CMMC
Town Clerk