



**EARLY / ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
HARWICH, MASSACHUSETTS  
MAY 16, 2023**

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TOWN CLERK

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name and address on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<b>SELECTMEN</b>	<b>MONOMOY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>	<b>WATER/WASTE WATER COMMISSIONER</b>
Vote for not For Three Years more than TWO	Vote for not For Three Years more than TWO	Vote for not For Three Years more than TWO
<b>DONALD F. HOWELL</b> 14 Haskell Lane Candidate for Re-election <input type="radio"/>	<b>MEREDITH HENDERSON</b> 8 Monument Way Candidate for Re-election <input type="radio"/>	<b>JOHN B. GOUGH</b> 1646 Orleans Road Candidate for Re-election <input type="radio"/>
<b>JEFFREY F. HANDLER</b> 13 Moss Hill Circle <input type="radio"/>	<b>RYAN D. CLARKE</b> 5 Alder Lane <input type="radio"/>	<b>ALLIN P. THOMPSON, JR.</b> 62 Hoyt Road Candidate for Re-election <input type="radio"/>
<b>PETER J. PIEKARSKI</b> 2 Quail Nest Run <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>
	<b>BROOKS FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>	
	Vote for not For Three Years more than TWO	
	<b>JOANNE BROWN</b> 27 Vacation Lane Candidate for Re-election <input type="radio"/>	
	<b>LINDA A. CEBULA</b> 460 Route 28 Candidate for Re-election <input type="radio"/>	
	<input type="radio"/>	
	(Write-in) <input type="radio"/>	
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**BALLOT QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION 1**

Shall the Town of Harwich be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued for the design, permitting, and construction of a dry sewer pipe along Route 28 including any and all other costs incidental and related thereto? **YES**  **NO**

**QUESTION 2**

Shall the Town of Harwich be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to implement Phase 3 and portions of Phase 8 of the Town of Harwich Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP), approved by the Massachusetts Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs in a Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Certificate dated May 13, 2016, consisting of the design, permitting, and construction of sewers in the Pleasant Bay Watershed, including any and all other costs incidental and related thereto? **YES**  **NO**

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

## BALLOT QUESTIONS CONTINUED

### QUESTION 3

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

#### SUMMARY of BALLOT QUESTION 3

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 43B, Section 10, allows Town Meeting to vote to amend the Town's Charter. On May 2, 2022, Harwich's Annual Town Meeting voted to amend the Town's Charter through Article 40 of the warrant. That Charter Amendment is conditioned upon the voters approving the same at this 2023 Annual Town Election.

The proposal will amend the Charter by deleting all references to the words "Board of Selectmen" and "Chairman," in all instances in which they appear, and replacing those words with the gender-neutral alternatives of "Select Board," and "Chair," respectively. The proposal will insert a new Section 3-1-3 of the Charter to clarify that the "Select Board" maintains all duties, responsibilities, and authority of a "Board of Selectmen" under the general and special laws. Finally, the proposal will delete the definition of "He/His" in Section 10.3.1 of the Charter. These amendments serve to make the Charter's language more gender-neutral, but do not substantively alter any of its terms.

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

YES

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

NO

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT**