Electronic Voting At Town Meeting

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To prepare for the introduction of electronic voting at the Groton Town Meeting, draft rules and procedures are available for public comment. Also, two electronic voting demonstrations for voters are planned leading up to the April 29th Town Meeting.

The October 2022 Fall Town Meeting authorized funds to purchase an electronic voting system. Instead of using placards to be counted, voters will use wireless handsets to register their votes quickly, accurately, and privately. The use of electronic voting the need for the moderator teliminates o estimate votes. Electronic voting counts and tallies each vote.

Draft rules and procedures for electronic voting are available to review on the Town of Groton's homepage at grotonma.gov. An explanation on how to use the handsets is also available on the homepage of grotonma.gov. Public comments on the draft rules and procedures are welcomed by April 24th to moderator@grotonma.gov.

Voters will be able to practice voting with the two-button handsets and ask the moderator questions about voting procedures, as well as general questions about how Town Meeting functions, at two planned electronic voting demonstrations:

• 12 - 1 p.m., Thursday, April 20, 2023, at The Center, 163 West Main Street, West Groton.

• 6 – 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at the Performing Arts Center, Middle School South, 344-346 Main Street, Groton.

Town Meeting is the legislative body of town government in New England. Registered voters act as legislators at Town Meeting. They may authorize spending and enact bylaws, as proposed in the Town Meeting warrant, which is issued by the Select Board and publicly posted at least two weeks prior to the meeting date. Groton also mails a copy of the Town Meeting warrant to every household. Voters are encouraged to review the warrant closely and consult other sources of reliable information prior to the meeting.

While it is possible the Town Meeting will complete its business on Saturday, April 29th, the Middle School auditorium has been reserved for Monday, May 1st, at 7 p.m., should a second session be necessary.

Jason Kauppi

Town Moderator

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