

## **TOWN OF KENNEBUNKPORT - NOVEMBER 8, 2022 ELECTION FAQ**

### **Can I vote now?**

Not yet. We will receive the ballots on or about October 7, 2022. At that time, you may pick-up ballots from the Town Clerk's office for yourself and your immediate family members. Please call before coming to pick up ballots on October 7<sup>th</sup> to ensure that we have received them.

### **I already requested my ballot. When will I get it?**

If you requested your ballots online, by mail, or through the Town Clerk's Office, your ballots will be mailed on or about October 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **I don't want to wait. Can I pick up a ballot if I've already requested one?**

If you would like to pick-up your ballots once we receive them (around October 7<sup>th</sup>), please let us know. We will make a note on your absentee ballot request form and call you when they are available.

### **Why do I continue to receive absentee ballot applications in the mail if I have already requested ballots?**

The political parties as well as some special interest groups are mailing absentee ballot applications to voters. If you have already requested your ballots or if you wish to vote at the polls on November 8<sup>th</sup>, just disregard the mailings. We have no control over these mailings. If you aren't sure if you have already requested absentee ballots, please call the Town Clerk's office to confirm (967-1610).

### **Will you have an outside drop box for ballots?**

Yes! It will be clearly marked for absentee ballots only and will be located in front of Town Hall.

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### **Is there a difference between absentee voting and mail in voting?**

All voting in Maine prior to Election Day is absentee voting. Five states (Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Utah and Washington) use a mail-in only system for voting. Maine allows voters to vote via absentee ballot OR in-person at the polls on election day.

### **Don't want to use the mail?**

You can come to Town Hall after October 7<sup>th</sup> to pick-up ballots for yourself and your immediate family members. You can then return the ballots to the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours or use our secure drop box that will be installed in front of Town Hall.

### **How do I get an absentee ballot?**

You may call us at 967-1610 and request that we mail one to you. If you leave a voicemail message, please include a return phone number. We must actually speak to each voter personally when requesting over the phone. OR after October 7<sup>th</sup>, you may come to town hall to pick-up ballots to take home.

### **Who can get an absentee ballot?**

Any registered voter may request an absentee ballot.

### **How are absentee ballots processed?**

Absentee ballots are processed and counted in the same manner as Election Day ballots. The difference is that the voter is putting their ballots in an envelope, which they sign and seal. When it is time to process the absentee ballots, we open the envelopes, separate the ballots and process them by using the same voter tabulation machines that are used on Election Day. This is done using several teams of election workers for accuracy as well as checks and balances.

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### **How can I see what is on the ballot before I get to the polls on election day?**

Sample ballots will be available to view at Town Hall or on our website (<https://www.kennebunkportme.gov/town-clerk/pages/elections-and-voting>) as soon as they are available. Information regarding registering to vote as well as ranked choice voting can also be found on the website.

**Please feel free to contact the Kennebunkport Town Clerk, Tracey O’Roak, at 207-967-1610 or [toroak@kennebunkportme.gov](mailto:toroak@kennebunkportme.gov)**