

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Holland Select Board

Holland Town Hall - Community Room, 1st floor

27 Sturbridge Rd.

Holland, MA 01521

April 16, 2024 5:30 PM

This meeting will be conducted in person and remotely using video conferencing technology

The Select Board will hold a public hearing to discuss VOTE BY MAIL as requested by Town Clerk and directed below:

In accordance with M.G.L Ch 54, Section 25B: State law allows cities and towns to opt out of no-excuse early voting by mail in local elections. A city or town can only opt out of Vote by Mail for a local election after the city council or board of selectmen hold a public hearing and take a recorded vote to do so at least 45 days before the election. If your community opts out of Vote by Mail for your local election, a Vote by Mail application will not be valid for that election. Absentee voting guidelines and ballots are still valid.

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Section 25B: Early voting; application for early voting ballots; early voting period, sites and lists; counting of early voting ballots

Section 25B. (a)(1) The election officers and registrars of every city or town shall allow any registered voter qualified under section 1 of chapter 51 to vote early by mail for any municipal preliminary or election or presidential or state primary or election, including any such special preliminary, primary or election, or any primary or election held pursuant to section 140 to fill a vacancy for senator or representative in congress; provided, however, that the select board, board of selectmen, town council or city council of each city and town may, after a public hearing and by recorded and public vote not less than 45 days prior to the date of the preliminary or election, opt out of the provisions of this subsection for any regular or special municipal preliminary or municipal election; provided further, that any registered voter qualified under section 1 of chapter 51 shall be allowed to vote early by mail for any municipal preliminary or municipal election held on the same day as any presidential or state primary or election or any primary or election held pursuant to section 140 to fill a vacancy for senator or representative in congress; and provided further, that this subsection shall not apply to an annual or special town meeting.