



## Postponement of Annual Town Election: Revised April 27, 2020

In response to the State of Emergency and concerns about COVID-19 and its implications on election administration, the Governor signed a law authorizing the Board of Selectmen to vote to **postpone** the local election which was scheduled for Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and initially postponed to Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

At its meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Selectmen voted to further postpone the election to **June 22<sup>nd</sup>** for continued health and safety concerns for the community. A copy of the law may be viewed [here](#). Mr. Gary Fowler moved to move the Annual Town Election from Monday, June 8, 2020 to **Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Mr. Doug Dawes seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a roll call vote 5-0.

The law requires the Town to post **public notice** of the postponed election and rescheduled election date on its website and to broadly **publicize** the postponement and rescheduling. The notice may include, but shall not be limited to, a Georgetown Connect call, municipal list-serve notifications, advertisement on local cable television or issuance of a press release sent to local news media.

The law establishes a **new voter registration deadline** of 8:00 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> day before the rescheduled election. The rescheduled election date is **June 22, 2020**, therefore, the 10<sup>th</sup> day before the rescheduled election is **June 12, 2020**.

The law authorizes the Town to **reuse election materials**. The Town will be using the official and absentee ballots for the June 8, 2020 election if it needs to be moved again for public safety. As required by the law a sample of the ballot may be viewed [here](#)

In light of widespread practice of **social distancing**, the law provides for two alternatives to voting in person:

- First, the law allows any person taking precaution related to COVID-19 to vote by **absentee ballot**. All applications for an absentee ballot must be received by the Town Clerk before noon on **Thursday June 18, 2020**, the last business day before the election. Any person may apply for an absentee ballot by sending a signed request to the Town Clerk's office or filling out the absentee ballot application available [here](#).
- Second, the law provides for **early voting by mail**. All applications for early voting ballots must be received before noon on **Thursday June 18, 2020**, the last business day before the election. Any person may obtain an early voting ballot by sending a signed request to the Town Clerk's office or by filling out and returning the early voting application available [here](#). Your early voting ballot must be received by the Town Clerk before the polls close 8:00 PM on election day.

The law does **NOT** make any other changes to elections or the election process. It does **NOT**, for example, change the number of signatures or the submission deadline for candidates for office.

For questions or additional information, please email the Town Clerk at [kmcmamus@georgetownma.gov](mailto:kmcmamus@georgetownma.gov) or call 978-352-5711.