

**TOWN OF HOLLISTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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“BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPROVE EXPANSION OF VOTING HOURS”

Tuesday, June 16, 2020: Holliston, MA: The Board of Selectmen voted to approve the expansion of hours to vote at polling location to 7:00A.M. – 8:00P.M.

The Board of Selectmen posted an emergency meeting to address issues concerning the June 23, 2020 election to determine whether the expansion of voting hours was necessary to comply with local election requirements as established under the Town’s bylaws. Among the local requirements is that the polls are required to remain open to a greater extent than required by state law.

Specifically, Article II, #2 provides:

DATE & TIME. The election shall be held, pursuant to a warrant, on a Tuesday following the third Friday in May, at which time the polls shall open at 7:00 A.M. and remain open continuously until 8:00 P.M.

Under recently enacted emergency legislation, namely the Acts of 2020, Chapter 45, as amended by the Acts of 2020, Chapter 92, the election could be postponed by vote of the Board of Selectmen irrespective of the requirements of local bylaws. However, locally established voting hours were not expressly modified by either Chapter 45 or 92. Therefore, out of an abundance of caution, to ensure compliance with law, the Town has extended the hours for which polling locations will be open as specified by the local bylaws for the Town of Holliston. The date has not been modified.

The new polling hours will be 7:00A.M. – 8:00P.M on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at Holliston High School, 370 Hollis Street, Holliston, Massachusetts.