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Highlighting Voting and the Town Election

The annual Brookline Town election has been rescheduled for June 9. The town will send out a mailing with information about polling places and procedures. Town government is more important than ever this year. We urge you to learn about the candidates and vote early, preferably by mail.

We will be voting for candidates for Select Board, School Committee, Library Trustee, Housing Authority, and Town Meeting. The Select Board race is competitive. This year, the School Committee, Library Trustee, and Housing Authority races are NOT competitive. Town Meeting races are competitive in precincts 1, 3, 4, 5, 9,10,11,13, and 14. For complete information, Visit <https://www.brooklinema.gov/DocumentCenter/View/21082/May-05-2020-Annual-Town-Election---Candidates-List>

Learn more about the candidates for the Select Board.

Brookline Community Aging Network (BrooklineCAN) and the Senior Center will be holding an election forum for the Select Board candidates on Thursday, May 21 at 2:00 pm. The Select Board plays a vital role in the town.

The forum will be conducted online through Zoom. Three candidates (Heather Hamilton, Eric Hyett, and John VanScoyoc) are running for two positions on the Board. The forum will be concerned with all Town issues but will pay special attention to concerns of older residents. Michael Allen of the Council on Aging staff will serve as moderator. If you have a question for the candidates, contact Michael in advance at mallen@brooklinema.gov or 617-730-2754. To

watch the forum live on May 21st, use this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81208215679>.

The forum will be video recorded and will be available for viewing through the BrooklineCAN website (www.BrooklineCAN.org) or on BIG (Brookline Interactive Group).

☑ Voting by Mail/Absentee

Under the Massachusetts Constitution, absentee ballots are available for all elections to voters who have disabilities, are out of town on Election Day, or have a religious belief preventing them from voting at their polling place. This year a new law was passed allowing “precaution related to COVID-19 virus” as a valid reason to receive an absentee ballot.

Applications for absentee ballots are available to be downloaded and printed (brooklinema.gov) but you may also request an absentee ballot by writing a letter to the Town Clerk’s office. Completed absentee applications must be submitted before June 9 to BROOKLINE TOWN CLERK, 333 WASHINGTON ST., BROOKLINE, MA 02445.

Your completed application may be mailed, hand-delivered, faxed, or emailed. If you are emailing your application, you must be able to send an image of the application as an attachment, either by scanning it or by taking a picture of it. A hand-written signature must be visible. If you check the option to receive absentee ballots for “all elections this year,” this application can be used for all elections in 2020.

The Town Clerk’s office will send you an official ballot before the election. All mail-in ballots must be returned to town hall by the close of polls on the day of the election – a postmark is not sufficient. Absentee ballots may be mailed or hand-delivered. Please be sure to allow enough time for the mailing of your application and your ballot. Questions? Call Town Clerk’s office 617-730-2010.

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