

2021 Annual Town Election
Tuesday, April 6, 2021

**IMPORTANT~COVID-19
& POLLING LOCATION
CHANGES**

TOWN OF REHOBOTH



**Tuesday, April 6, 2021 – Annual Town Election
POLLS OPEN
7:00 AM – 8:00 PM**

ALL THREE PRECINCTS VOTING ONLY AT

DOROTHY L. BECKWITH MIDDLE SCHOOL – GYMNASIUM

**(Enter Gymnasium from Blacktop Area – Side Entrance -
Right Side of Middle School Building as you are facing main entrance of Beckwith)**

**330R Winthrop Street – Route 44 ~ Behind Palmer River Elementary School (PRES) –
Across from playground area at PRES ~ Rehoboth, MA 02769**

Massachusetts Official
Absentee Ballot Application

See reverse side for instructions



William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

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(Independent voters may vote in a primary without registering with a party)

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(If applicable)

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Signed (under penalty of perjury): _____ Date: _____



Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Social Distancing Protocols, and the March 11th Legislative votes the following changes have been made to the way the April 6, 2021 Annual Town Elections will be conducted.

- WHO** - All registered voters – Precincts 1, 2 & 3
- WHAT** - Rehoboth Annual Town Election – Tuesday, April 6, 2021
- WHERE** - **All Three Precincts Will Vote at the Dorothy L. Beckwith Middle School Gymnasium - Enter from side Blacktop Area – Right Side of Building (as facing front main entrance) – Back of School 330R Winthrop Street – Route 44 ~ (Behind Palmer River Elementary School Playground Area)**
- WHEN** - **Tuesday, April 6, 2021 – 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM**
- WHY** - Due to the continued State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the catastrophic fire loss of Precinct 2 (Senior Center), continued social distancing requirements, and the In-Person Classes starting on April 5, 2021, at Palmer River Elementary, the Board of Selectmen voted on March 1, 2021 to change Rehoboth’s Polling Location to D.L. Beckwith Middle School for the April 6, 2021 Annual Town Election

At its meeting on March 1st, the Board of Selectmen voted to reduce the polling locations due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, State of Emergency and Social Distancing Protocols. *Selectmen voted to designate Dorothy L. Beckwith Middle School (DLB) - Gymnasium, 330R Winthrop Street (Route 44) in Rehoboth, MA as the polling place for the Tuesday, April 6, 2021 - Annual Election, and to set 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM as the hours the polling place shall remain open for in-person voting; and to take any other action as may be required to comply with guidance provided by Town Counsel and the Massachusetts Elections Division. Said motion was made in recognition of the extraordinary challenges of conducting an Election during a public health emergency.*

SPRING 2021 ELECTIONS – VOTER OPTIONS GUIDE

On March 16, 2021 the Governor signed revised legislation - An extension to the Act relative to voting options in response to COVID. This legislation outlines 3 options for voting in the spring 2021 elections –

[Vote by Mail/Absentee**](#), [Vote Early In-Person](#) or [Vote on Election Day](#).

ELECTION TYPE	DATE OF ELECTION	ELECTION DAY LOCATION	ELECTION DAY HOURS	DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE	VOTE BY MAIL APPLICATION **DEADLINE
Annual Town Election	April 6, 2021	DLB-GYM*	7 AM – 8 PM	March 17, 2021	March 31 st - 5PM

*DLB-GYM~D.L. Beckwith Middle School Gymnasium-330R Winthrop Street (Route 44)-Enter Gym by far-right side of Beckwith

**Absentee Ballot Application-Front and Back Cover.

Mail-In Application Deadline-3-31-2021@5:00 PM ~ In-Person Absentee Application-(Appointment Only) Deadline 4-5-2021 at Noon

VOTE BY MAIL – ABSENTEE BALLOTS

All registered voters qualify to vote by mail in the April 6, 2021 Annual Town Election who are unable to make it to the polls on Election Day due to concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, and may vote by mail by completing and submitting an Absentee Ballot. Inside the front and back covers of this mailer, you will find an Absentee Ballot Application. Please complete, **sign with a handwritten, not typed signature** and either scan and e-mail to us at TownClerk@RehobothMA.gov, drop off in the drop box outside of Town Hall, 148 Peck Street, or mail to the Town Clerk's Office, 148 Peck Street. **VERY IMPORTANT - APPLY EARLY** - to allow ample time for processing your application and for the postal services to deliver your ballot to you. For your information, any voter that has returned a vote by mail ballot (or voted early in person) cannot vote on Election Day. **Best way to return your ballot is to place it in the Ballot Drop Box outside of Town Offices (148 Peck Street).** Please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk's Office should you have any questions or concerns. Inquiries should be sent via e-mail to TownClerk@RehobothMA.gov or call 508-252-6502.

RETURN OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

Ballots mailed from our office include a white return ballot envelope that is addressed to the Town Clerk's Office. You may return your ballot by mail (please see deadlines below) or hand deliver your ballot by placing it in the ballot drop box outside of the Town Offices (deadline is close of polls on Election Day). Ballots CANNOT be returned to the polling location on Election Day - they must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office/Outside Drop Box for processing.

Deadlines for Ballots to be Returned and Counted

- **Annual Town Election** - All ballots must be received at Town Hall by **8:00 PM on April 6, 2021**

VOTE EARLY IN PERSON

In-Person Early Voting will be available for the Spring 2021 Annual Town Election. An application is not required to vote early in person...just show up and vote! **Please Note** – Due to current legislation, your voted ballot will be secured in an envelope and voted on Election Day – 4-6-2021.

Annual Town Election - Early In-Person Voting Schedule

Period: March 27 & March 29 – April 1, 2021

Location: Town Offices– 148 Peck Street – Selectmen's Meeting Room* – **Enter from rear of building ONLY, the handicapped entrance, not the front door – Thank you. Please Note: In order to adhere to the Social Distancing Orders signed by the Governor, voters will only be granted access to the Town Hall/polling location when the six-foot social distancing protocols can be met.** Voting Hours Below:

Day	Date	Hours
Saturday	3/27	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Sunday	3/28	Polls Closed
Monday	3/29	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Tuesday	3/30	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Wednesday	3/31	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Thursday	4/1	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday	4/2	Offices Closed-Holiday

*Please note that the number of voters allowed in Town Hall/polling location will be limited due to social distancing protocols. Entry to Town Hall will be from the rear of the building, handicapped entrance.

Vote “In-Person” Early or on Election Day – As already stated, the Board of Selectmen voted that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, State of Emergency and Social Distancing Protocols, the April 6, 2021 Annual Town Election will be held at the Dorothy L. Beckwith Middle School Gymnasium – 330R Winthrop Street (Route 44) behind Palmer River Elementary School.

Please do NOT go to the POLLS if you are sick or have been exposed to the virus leading up to Election Day. Instead, please call our office 508-252-6502 for voting options from home.

SAVE TIME & AGGRAVATION - KNOW BEFORE YOU GO:

1. Am I a registered voter & what is my party enrollment?

The deadline to register to vote or change your party affiliation for the Annual Town Election was **Wednesday, March 17, 2021**. You may verify your voter registration at:

(<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx>)

2. Is my voter status "active"?

Per state law, voters must return their signed street list census forms annually to the Town Clerk's office to maintain an active voter status. **Inactive voters are still eligible to vote** but will be required to complete additional forms and show an ID at the polls in order to vote. **Check your voter status online at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx>.**

3. What is my voting Precinct?

Voters are strongly encouraged to know what precinct they will be voting in before arriving at the polls. A greeter who will be managing the lines and providing entrance authorization to maximize social distancing within the polls will have the ability to look up your precinct – but this will likely slow down lines at the polls. **Check your precinct online at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema/bal/MyElectionInfo.aspx>**

4. What will I be voting on?

Informed voters will reduce the amount of time necessary in the voting booths and reduce lines and crowding while voting. **View a sample ballot at:**

<https://www.rehobothma.gov/sites/g/files/vyh1if4911/f/uploads/4-6-2021-ate-sampleballot.pdf>

Our commitment is to keep voters and election workers safe:

- Voting Booths will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Unused or sanitized pens will be provided to those who need to borrow one.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at the entrance and exit points.

Remember, due to social distancing protocols, if you don't want to wait in line outside in the elements, please consider voting by mail-in/absentee ballot and vote in the convenience and safety of your home.

VOTE ON ELECTION DAY- WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO:

As per the March 1, 2021 Vote of the Board of Selectmen, the April 6, 2021 Annual Town Election will be held in the D.L. Beckwith Middle School Gymnasium – 330R Winthrop Street (Route 44). When you arrive at Palmer River/Beckwith Campus off Route 44, please drive around to the Middle School, which is past the Palmer River Elementary campus. **PLEASE: Do not enter through the main entrance of the school** (front of the building). **Voters will line up on the black top area, which is located to the right of the building towards the back. All voters must enter from the Gymnasium Handicapped Ramp Entrance.** Voters will line up on the blacktop, social distancing six feet apart. If you are unsure of your precinct, please either call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-252-6502 or check online at:

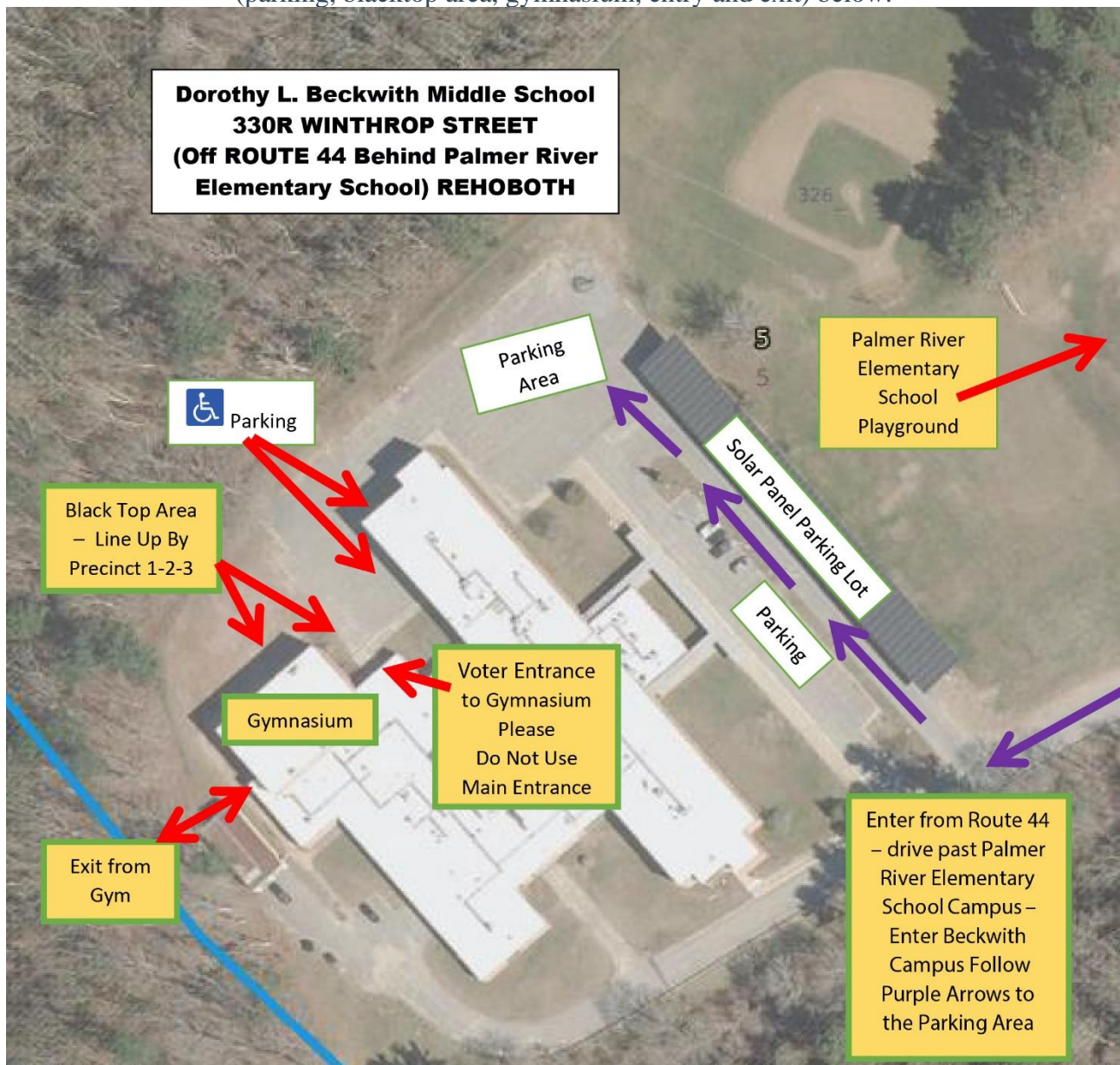
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The COVID-19 Safety and Social Distancing Protocols required by the Governor @ <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-prevention-and-treatment> to keep everyone healthy and safe:

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- Wear a Face Covering or One Will Be Provided.
- Hands Will Be Sanitized Prior To Entering Voting Area or Gloves Will Be Provided.
- Bring a Pen – Blue or Black ink Sharpie or Paper Mate Flair (if you don't want to borrow one).
- Bring a Clip Board or Book to mark your ballot on (if you don't want to use a Voting Booth).
- Bring an ID – in some cases voters will be required to show an ID.
- Don't Touch Your Face while at the polling location.
- Maintain Social Distancing – keep 6 feet away from anyone not from your household.
- Keep your ballot dry and free from hand sanitizers – to avoid tabulator issues.

Please view the illustration of Beckwith Middle School's outside area (parking, blacktop area, gymnasium, entry and exit) below.



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Town of Rehoboth
Rehoboth, Massachusetts 02769

Important
Official Notice of:
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Rehoboth, Massachusetts 02769

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE UPCOMING

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021

ALL THREE PRECINCTS

(Precinct 1-Town Hall; Precinct 2- COA Senior Center; Precinct 3 – South Fire Station)

VOTING AT ONE CENTRAL POLLING LOCATION – ONLY

DOROTHY L. BECKWITH MIDDLE SCHOOL - GYMNASIUM

(330R Winthrop Street – Route 44 – BEHIND PALMER RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL)

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