

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 May 12, 2020. A copy of the law may be viewed [here](#). At its meeting on April 13, 2020, the Board of Selectmen voted to reschedule the election to **June 30, 2020**. *Selectman Hirsh moved the Board vote, under the authority of Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2020, to postpone the May 12, 2020 Annual Town Election to June 30, 2020; Selectman Kaelin seconded the motion; the roll call vote was taken as follows: Hirsh “aye” Rand “aye” Rutan “aye” Perreault “recused” Kaelin “aye”*

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. Northborough is posting this notice on the website and will provide additional notice through the Code Red notification systems, Town News e-mail alerts, and issue a press release to the local 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 30, 2020**, therefore, the 10th day before the rescheduled election is **Friday, June 19, 2020**.

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 **Monday June 29, 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 **Monday June 29, 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 7:00 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.