

COVID LOCAL ELECTION BY TOWN MEETING PLAN

THIS PROCESS IS BEING DETERMINED BY COVID RESTRICTIONS DUE TO EXECUTIVE ORDERS

1. 11/19/2020- Legal notice of Municipal Ethics Commission (MEC) Ordinance published in Valley Courier encouraging those interested in being seated to contact Selectmen's office.
2. 11/24/2020- BOS call for Town Meeting to be scheduled for 12/15/2020 to elect people to the newly formed Municipal Ethics Commission.
3. 12/02/2020- Place legal notice of Town Meeting in Valley Courier.
4. 12/04/2020- MCE Ordinance goes into effect.
5. 12/10/2020- Legal notice of Town Meeting to be published.
6. 12/11/2020- Legal notice of Registrars of Voters holding lottery to be posted on website.
7. 12/15/2020- Town Meeting held to establish list of candidates for MEC. A slate of those expressing interest will be nominated and nominations will be taken from the floor. All nominations must meet requirements set forth by the ordinance. Meeting adjourned for absentee ballot election.
8. 12/16/2020- Applications for MEC ballots become available by website or, if requested, by mail or in person at Town Clerk's office. If Town Hall is closed to the public, applications will be available in plastic bin on Town Hall steps.
9. 12/17/2020- Registrars of Voters will hold a public lottery via Zoom to determine the order of names on the ballot as per CGS Sec. 9-253 and 9-453r. This will also be the last day to withdraw your nomination in person at the Town Clerk's office.
10. 12/21/2020- MEC absentee ballots become available and will be mailed or given in person to voter only for all proper applications received. If Town Hall is closed to the public, all ballots will be mailed. Applications and ballots may be brought back in person, mailed, or dropped in the Official Ballot Drop Box in front of Town Hall.
11. 01/25/2021- Last day to vote for MEC members. All ballots must be received by 4:00 p.m. on this date to be counted. Postmark does not count. Ballots will be tallied by Registrars of Voters and positions, terms and minority representation will be determined by the Town Clerk based on requirements prescribed by the MEC Ordinance and State Election Law.
12. 02/02/2021- MEC members will be announced via the Town website and commission members will be contacted by the Town Clerk.
13. 07/2021- Endorsement period for candidates by Town Committees. MEC members whose terms expire in 2021 will need to appear on the ballot and win the seat to remain seated. Those wishing to appear on the ballot who have not been endorsed by a major party will need to petition for a place on the ballot.
14. 11/02/2021- Municipal Election. Party affiliation will be determined by endorsement of major parties or by voter affiliation of petitioning candidates.