

# FALL 2020 ELECTIONS – VOTER OPTIONS GUIDE

On July 6th the Governor signed new legislation - An Act relative to voting options in response to COVID. This legislation outlines 3 options for voting in the fall 2020 elections -

Vote by Mail, Vote Early In Person or Vote on Election Day

ELECTION TYPE	DATE OF ELECTION	ELECTION DAY LOCATION	ELECTION DAY HOURS	DEADLINE TO <a href="#">REGISTER TO VOTE</a>	VOTE BY MAIL <a href="#">APPLICATION DEADLINE</a>
		Prec 1 Senior Center			
Presidential Election	November 3, 2020	Prec 2 Post 2	7 AM - 8 PM	October 24, 2020	October 28th - 5PM

## SELECTION OF BALLOT

**Barre Residents** who are registered to vote will be eligible to vote a ballot. Voters do not have to declare themselves for this election as all party candidates will be on one ballot. The last day to register to vote and apply for a mail in ballot will be 8pm on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**View sample ballot BELOW**

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## Vote on Election Day- What you need to know before you go.

All Elections are held at the Precinct 1- Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd and  
Precinct 2 – American Legion Post 2, 450 South Barre Rd  
Precincts will be open for voting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7am to 8pm.

What's my Precinct?

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



Click Banner for information on what you need to know / bring in advance of going to the polls to vote on election day to vote

- **Wear a Face Covering**
- **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' away from anyone not from your household
- **Keep your ballot dry and free from hand sanitizers** – to avoid tabulator issues

## VOTE BY MAIL

All registered voters qualify to vote by mail in the fall 2020 elections. Application post cards were mailed to ALL registered voters, at their mailing address from the State's Election Division.

**APPLY EARLY** - to allow ample time for processing your application and for the postal services to deliver your ballot to you. If you are concerned about applying too early - please note that voters can hold on to their ballot and return it during the week prior to the election. Voters who receive a vote by mail ballot but do not return it prior to election day may appear to vote in person on election day to cast a ballot. Any voter that has returned a vote by mail ballot (or voted early in person) cannot vote on Election Day.

**Applications** can be returned by Mail (postage is pre-paid on the post card application mailed to you), or they can be placed in the drop box outside of the Henry Woods Building (HWB) – 40 West St, or scanned & emailed to [clerk@townofbarre.com](mailto:clerk@townofbarre.com)

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[Click on the track your application and ballot link below to track them!](#)

### [TRACK YOUR APPLICATION AND BALLOT](#)

Voters who have applied for a vote by mail ballot may use this link to track the status of their application as well as their ballot status (mailed / received back). Please note that we anticipate a large volume of applications and request you **allow at least 1 week before checking the status of your application and allow a minimum of 10 days to receive your ballot from the status date of mailing**. Please contact the Clerk's Office to check on your status until the recommended amount of time listed above has passed. Inquiries should be sent to [clerk@townofbarre.com](mailto:clerk@townofbarre.com)

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### RETURN OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

Mailed Ballots include a postage pre-paid 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 drop box outside of the Town Offices (deadline is close of polls on Election Day). Ballots can NOT be returned to the polling location on Election Day - they must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office for processing before they are delivered by Town Clerk's staff to the polls to be cast on Election Day. Voters who receive a vote by mail ballot but do not return it prior to Election Day may appear to vote in person and cast a ballot on Election Day. Any voter that has returned a vote by mail ballot (or voted early in person) is not permitted to appear to vote in person on Election Day.

#### Deadlines for ballots to be returned and counted

- **November Election -**
  - Ballots returned in the drop box must be received by **8PM on November 3rd**.
  - Ballots returned by mail must be **postmarked by November 3rd** AND received by the Town Clerk by **5PM on November 6th**.

Please note that US Postal delivery services are not always consistent and can range from 3 to 11 days. We recommend voters return their ballots in the drop box outside of the town offices by 8PM on Election Day to ensure it arrives back to us in time to count.

## VOTE EARLY IN PERSON

Early Voting in person will be available for the Presidential Election.

An application is not required to vote early in person...just show up and vote!

### Town of Barre Presidential Election Early Voting in Person HOURS

Period: October 17th - 29th

Location: Henry Woods Building– 40 West Street

Day	Date	Times	Location
<b>Saturday</b>	10/17	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Henry Woods Building
<b>Sunday</b>	10/18	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Henry Woods Building
<b>Monday</b>	10/19	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Henry Woods Building
<b>Tuesday</b>	10/20	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Henry Woods Building
<b>Wednesday</b>	10/21	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Henry Woods Building
<b>Thursday</b>	10/22	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Henry Woods Building
<b>Saturday</b>	10/24	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Henry Woods Building
<b>Sunday</b>	10/25	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Henry Woods Building
<b>Monday</b>	10/26	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Henry Woods Building
<b>Tuesday</b>	10/27	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Henry Woods Building
<b>Wednesday</b>	10/28	9:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Henry Woods Building
<b>Thursday</b>	10/29	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Henry Woods Building

\*Please note that no more than 5 voters will be allowed in HWB to vote early at all times.

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO TO VOTE

Educated voters will reduce the amount of time necessary in the voting booths and reduce lines and crowding while voting.

[View a sample ballot HERE: SAMPLE BALLOT](#)

What to Bring or Know when voting early in person:

- **Wear a Face Covering**
- **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' away from anyone not from your household

## **EARLY VOTING (by mail or in person) FAQ:**

**If I applied for a vote by mail ballot can I appear to vote in person at an early voting site or at the polls on Election Day?**

If your vote by mail ballot has not been received back to the Town Clerk's Office – YES, you may still appear to vote in person at the polls on Election Day. These voters will be required to complete additional paperwork and will need to show an ID. Should your mail in ballot be received after you voted early in person or at the polls on Election Day that ballot will be rejected and will not be counted

If a vote by mail ballot has already been received back by the Town Clerk's Office – NO. A returned vote by mail ballot is considered cast and you will not be eligible to vote by mail, early in person or in person at the polls on Election Day.

**If I vote early in person can I appear to vote in person at the polls on Election Day?**

NO - If you appeared to vote early in person your ballot will be considered cast and you will not be eligible to vote by mail, or in person at the polls on Election Day. Voting in Person at the Polls after submitting an early ballot is prohibited as outlined in 950 CMR 4 7.19.

**When & how is an early voter's ballot cast?**

All vote by mail and early voting in person ballots will be opened and inserted into a tabulator before election day or fed through the tabulators at the polls on election day. These ballots will be kept secured, locked, and unexamined until the polls are closed on Election Day.