



TRURO SELECT BOARD REMOTE SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA

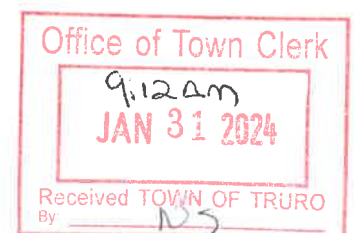
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024, AT 11:00AM

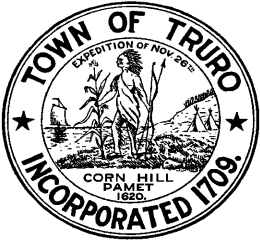
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1. Vote to hold in-person weekday voting for the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election





TOWN OF TRURO

Select Board Agenda Item

DEPARTMENT: Town Clerk

REQUESTOR: Elisabeth Verde, Town Clerk

REQUESTED MEETING DATE: February 2, 2024

ITEM: Review of in-person weekday early voting hours for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election.

EXPLANATION: The Presidential Primary Election is being held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. The State has mandated that Early In-Person Voting will be held during the timeframe of Saturday, February 24, 2024 to Friday, March 1, 2024. The voting hours must be approved by the Select Board no later than twenty days before Early In-Person starts on February 24, 2024.

Weekend hours for towns the size of Truro (0-4,999 voters) must have at least one weekend day of Early In-Person voting totaling at least 4 hours in total at the Town Clerk's discretion. The Town Clerk has decided that the Town will hold Early In-Person weekend voting on Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. with no Early In-Person voting on Sunday, February 25, 2024 for a total of 4 hours on that weekend.

Weekday hours for towns the size of Truro must be held at least 25% of regular business hours (10 hours). The State has mandated that the Select Board vote the specific hours that Early In-Person voting will be held on the weekdays. The Town Clerk is recommending that the Select Board approve the Early In-Person voting weekday hours to be Tuesday, February 27, 2024 through Friday, March 1, 2024 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day for a total of 12 hours for the week.

In-Person Early Voting would be held in the Historic Meeting Room in the Truro Town Hall.

FINANCIAL SOURCE (IF APPLICABLE): N/A

IMPACT IF NOT APPROVED: Non-compliance with state mandate.

SUGGESTED ACTION: That the Select Board vote on the following motion:

“I move that we approve the request of the Town Clerk for the Town of Truro to hold Early In-Person weekday voting for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 through Friday, March 1, 2024 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day for a total of 12 hours for the week.”

ATTACHMENTS: In-Person Early Voting Guidelines.

In-Person Early Voting

In-Person Early Voting Dates

- Presidential Primary: February 24th – March 1st
- State Primary: August 24th – August 30th
- State Election: October 19th – November 1st

In-Person Early Voting Hours

You are required to offer weekend and weekday hours based on the number of registered voters in your community.

The required minimum hours for weekends are:

Number of Voters	Required Weekend Early Voting Hours
0 - 4,999	At least 1 day per weekend At least 2 hours each day you are open At least 4 hours total each weekend
5,000 – 24,999	At least 1 day per weekend At least 3 hours per day you are open At least 6 hours total each weekend
25,000 – 39,999	At least 4 hours each weekend day
40,000 – 74,999	At least 6 hours each weekend day
75,000+	At least 8 hours each weekend day

For weekdays, the required minimum early voting hours will vary depending on the size of your community and at what point it is during the in-person early voting period. By default, the early voting hours are during your regular business hours; however, your city council, board of selectmen, or town council may have the option to limit early voting hours on certain days, if your community is small enough.

The required weekday early voting hours are:

Number of Voters	Required Weekday Early Voting Hours
0 - 4,999	At least 25% of regular business hours
5,000 – 39,999	Primary: Regular business hours State Election: Week 1: at least 50% of regular business hours Week 2: Regular business hours
40,000+	During your regular business hours

In order to limit your early voting hours, your board of selectmen, city council, or town council will need to vote to do so at a public meeting held no later than 20 days before early voting begins.

Early Voting Locations

Your local election office is the default early voting site in your community. If your office is determined to be unsuitable or inaccessible, the registrars must vote to hold early voting in a different location. You can also designate additional early voting locations, which must also be accessible.

When assigning early voting sites, your city or town must now consider, to the extent feasible, diverse geographic locations and whether the sites would have an impact on access to the polls on the basis of race, national origin, disability, income, or age.

Your early voting sites must be designated no later than 2 weeks before early voting begins.

Notice Requirements

You will also need to publish notice of the locations and schedule for early voting at least 5 business days before early voting begins and at least once during the early voting period.

Notice must be posted: in your office or on the city/town bulletin board; in any other public building considered necessary; on the city/town's website; and on the Secretary's website. Remember, you need to enter your hours and locations into VRIS (or notify the Elections Division by email, if that VRIS screen is locked) for them to be posted on our website.