

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSENTEE VOTING

The penalty for voting or attempting to vote in violation of the absentee voting laws is a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars and imprisonment for not more than five years.

**IMPORTANT – DO NOT MARK YOUR BALLOT UNTIL YOU HAVE READ INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETELY!**

#### BEFORE YOU VOTE:

**Make sure you are eligible.** You may vote absentee only if you will be unable to vote at the polls on election day because of:

- absence from your city or town during the hours polls are open
- physical disability
- religious beliefs

**Arrange for any assistance you may require.** If you cannot mark your own ballot because you are physically disabled, unable to write, or unable to read, or to read English, you may choose any person to mark your ballot for you.

#### VOTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL VOTERS

1. Mark your ballot while alone unless you need assistance in reading or marking your ballot and have requested help.
2. Fold your completed ballot and seal it in the smallest ballot envelope. This envelope has an affidavit printed on the front of it.
3. Sign and swear to the affidavit. Be sure you sign your name as you are registered. (The ballot was mailed to you in your registered name.)
4. If you were unable to mark the ballot yourself, the person assisting must state that you needed assistance, and the reason, on the affidavit and must also sign your name on the envelope.
5. Put the completed ballot envelope in the large mailing envelope which is already addressed to your city or town clerk or election commissioner. Unless you are **NOW** voting at your clerk's office, you can **MAIL** your ballot to your city or town clerk, or it can be delivered in person by a family member who is either a spouse or person residing in the same household, in-laws, father, mother, sister or brother of the whole or half blood, son, daughter, adopting parent or adopted child, stepparent or stepchild, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, grandparent or grandchild, or unless you are voting at a designated health care facility, or you have entered a hospital within five days before the election. **To have your ballot counted, mail or deliver it in time to reach your local election officials before the polls close on election day.**

#### TO VOTE IN PERSON AT THE POLLS

If you have applied for this absentee ballot but later find that you are able to and want to vote in person at the polls, you must obtain a certificate giving you the authority to do so from your city or town clerk or election commissioner. You cannot obtain this certificate once your absentee ballot has been processed.

# ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION



## SPECIMEN BALLOT

Commonwealth  
of  
Massachusetts

## Town of Truro

Tuesday, May 9th, 2023

Kaci A Fullerton  
Town Clerk

**BALLOT CONTINUED  
OPEN HERE**



<b>SELECT BOARD</b> , Three Years		Vote for not more than ONE
<b>STEPHANIE J REIN</b>	21 Holsbery Rd (Candidate for re-election)	
	(WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY)	

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b> , Three Years		Vote for not more than ONE
<b>KOLBY JACKSON BLEHM</b>	12 No Union Field Rd (Candidate for re-election)	
	(WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY)	

<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b> , Three Years		Vote for not more than TWO
<b>MARTHA R MAGANE</b>	3 Snows Field Rd (Candidate for re-election)	
	(WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY)	
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<b>CEMETERY COMMISSION</b> , Three Years		Vote for not more than ONE
<b>HOLLY GARDNER</b>	6 Atwood Rd (Candidate for re-election)	
	(WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY)	

<b>PLANNING BOARD</b> , Five Years		Vote for not more than ONE
<b>VIRGINIA M FRAZIER</b>	4 So Highland Rd	
	(WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY)	

<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY</b> , Five Years		Vote for not more than ONE
<b>MELISSA L WHEELER</b>	13 Yellow Brick Rd	
	(WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY)	

<b>MODERATOR</b> , Three Years		Vote for not more than ONE
	(WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY)	

**QUESTION 1:** Shall the Town of Truro be allowed to assess an additional Six Hundred One Thousand, One Hundred Twenty-Two dollars and no cents (\$601,122.00) in real estate and personal property taxes to supplement the operating budget for the purpose of Emergency Medical Service Provision, for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and twenty-three?

YES

NO

**QUESTION 2:** Shall the Town of Truro be allowed to assess an additional Seven Hundred Three Thousand, Fifty Dollars and no cents (\$703,050.00) in real estate and personal property taxes to supplement the operating budget for the purpose of implementing a community sustainability package including a childcare voucher program, a pre-school program, and an out-of-school time program, for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and twenty-three?

YES

NO

**QUESTION 3:** Shall the Town of Truro be allowed to assess an additional One hundred twenty thousand, one hundred fifty dollars and no cents (\$120,150.00) in real estate and personal property taxes to supplement the operating budget for the purpose of hiring a housing coordinator for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and twenty-three?

YES

NO

**QUESTION 4:** Shall the Town of Truro be allowed to assess an additional One hundred seven thousand, seventeen dollars and no cents (\$107,017.00) in real estate and personal property taxes to supplement the operating budget for the purpose of hiring a school resource officer for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and twenty-three?

YES

NO

**QUESTION 5:** Shall the Town of Truro approve the Charter amendment proposed and passed at the April 30, 2022 Town Meeting as summarized below?

This amendment will change Section 7-1-2 of the Town Charter as set forth below, with **bold underline** text to be inserted:

7-1-2 (d) A Budget Task Force shall be formed on or before December 15 of each year. The Budget Task Force shall consist of two (2) members of the Finance Committee, two (2) members of the Select Board, **(1) member of the School Committee, (1) member of the School Administration,** the Town Accountant and the Town Manager. It shall be the charge of the Budget Task Force to review with department heads individual budgets.

YES

NO

**QUESTION 6:** Shall the Town of Truro approve the Charter amendment proposed and passed at the April 30, 2022 Town Meeting as summarized below?

This amendment will change Section 6-2-10 of the Town Charter as set forth below, with ~~striketrough~~ text to be deleted and **bold underline** text to be inserted:

6-2-10 Vacancies on multi-member bodies shall be filled in accordance with General Law and in accordance with the provisions of this Charter by the Select Board or other appointing authority as may be established by General Law, this Charter, By-law or vote of the Town Meeting. If the vacancy is not filled within ~~sixty~~ **forty-five** days of the notification of the vacancy by the ~~Chairman~~ of the multi-member body, the vacancy ~~shall~~ **may** be filled by the remaining members of the body **with confirmation by the appointing authority within sixty days of the vote of the multi-member body.**

YES

NO

**QUESTION 7:** Shall the Town of Truro approve the Charter amendment proposed and passed at the April 30, 2022 Town Meeting as summarized below?

This amendment will change Section 6-4-7 of the Town Charter as set forth below, with ~~striketrough~~ text to be deleted and **bold underline** text to be inserted:

6-4-7 The **unexcused** absence of a member or alternate member for four consecutive meetings of an appointed multi-member body shall serve to vacate the office, unless such absence is approved by a vote of the multi-member body. The ~~Chairman~~ **Chair** of the body shall forthwith notify the appointing authority that such vacancy has occurred. The vacancy shall be filled in accordance with section 6-2-10 of this Charter and the appointee shall complete the vacant unexpired term.

YES

NO

**QUESTION 8:** Shall the Town of Truro approve the Charter amendment proposed and passed at the April 30, 2022 Town Meeting as summarized below?

This amendment will change Section 3-2-1 of the Town Charter as set forth below, with ~~striketrough~~ text to be deleted and **bold underline** text to be inserted:

3-2-1 The Annual Election for all elected town offices shall be by official ballot held each year on the second Tuesday in May. **The election date may be moved by vote of the Select Board to a date certain provided that date is on or before June 30th and that the election warrant is posted in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 39, Section 10.**

YES

NO