

# **TIMELINE TO ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ELECTION & REFERENDUM**

**ELIOT, MAINE**

*BE AN INFORMED CITIZEN AND VOTER IN YOUR TOWN*

# IMPORTANT DATES

- **03/07/2022: Nomination Papers for Elected Positions Available @ Town Clerk's Office**
- **03/28/2022: Citizen's Option Meeting / Public Hearing, 6pm @ Marshwood Middle School**
- **04/15/2022: Nomination Papers Due to Town Clerk**
- **05/12/2022: Town Meeting Referendum Public Hearing, 5:30pm @ Town Office**
- **05/16/2022: Absentee Balloting Begins**
- **05/18/2022: MSAD #35 District Budget Meeting, 7pm @ MHS**
- **06/09/2022: Deadline to Request Absentee Ballots**
- **06/14/2019: Election Day**

**7:30am: Opening Ceremonies & Election of Moderator**

**8:00am to 8:00pm: Polls Open for Voting @ MMS Gymnasium**

# NOMINATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

- **The Town of Eliot will be seeking nominations for the following positions:**

Select Board & Overseer of the Poor: One Member for Three Year Term

One Member for Two Year Term

Budget Committee: Three Members for Three Year Term

MSAD #35 Director: One Member for Three Year Term

- Nomination papers will be available on Monday, March 7th
- To be eligible you must be a registered voter of Eliot
- Nomination papers require at least 25 but not more than 100 signatures of Eliot Registered Voters
- Completed nomination papers must be filed with the Town Clerk on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> to qualify as a candidate on the ballot, special hours will be held between 7:30am and 10:30am as the office is normally closed on Friday

# CITIZEN OPTION MEETING VS. INFORMATIONAL BUDGET HEARING

## \*WHAT DETERMINES THE TYPE OF MEETING?

- The Citizen's Option Meeting is a time for registered voters to review the budget recommendations of the Select Board & Budget Committee.
- To declare the meeting a Citizen's Option Meeting, a minimum of 1% of the total number of registered voters must be officially checked in by the posted start time of the meeting and at all times during the meeting in order to make any motion or amendment to the budget recommendations presented. *\*Example: If on March 28<sup>th</sup> the number of registered voters reported is 6,150 therefore 61 voters would need to be checked in by 6pm.*
- If the minimum assembly is not met by the posted start time of the meeting, the meeting shall be deemed an "Informational Budget Hearing".

# **PUBLIC HEARING**

## **INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC HEARING ON FINAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

- The Select Board & Budget Committee will hold a Public Hearing at the Eliot Town Office on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm
- This informational Public Hearing is held to present and discuss the Annual Town Meeting Warrant that includes the annual budget and other referenda that will be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting Election & Referendum on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> Polling Hours 8am to 8pm at Marshwood Middle School (Gymnasium)

# ABSENTEE VOTING

- Absentee Ballots are available 30-days prior to Election Day, so on or about May 16<sup>th</sup> for the June 14, 2022 Elections.
- Residents can request a ballot at the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours.
- If a resident is unable to come to the Clerk's office to request a ballot, they may request an absentee ballot by mail by calling the Clerk's Office at (207) 439-1817.
- Please note that the last day **to request** an absentee ballot will be Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. The Clerk's Office will be extending the hours until 7pm that evening for absentee balloting and voter registration purposes.
- All absentee ballots must be returned to the Clerk's Office by the close of business on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> or to the Election Site on Election Day by 8pm to be counted.

# **ELECTION DAY**

**WHEN: TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022**

**WHERE: MARSHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

- 7:30am: Opening Ceremonies & Election of Moderator
- 8:00am: Polls Open for Voting
- 9:00am to 8:00pm: Absentee ballots processed on the hour every hour as needed
- 8:00pm: Polls Close & Tabulation Process Begins

