

# Special Town Meeting



**September 18, 2023**  
**Center School**

# Introduction

- Food and beverages are permitted
- NO smoking is allowed on school grounds
- Cell phones should be muted or turned off
- Voting on the motions, not the articles

# ECLICKER INFORMATION

EVERY ELIGIBLE VOTER WILL RECEIVE AN ECLICKER WHEN THEY CHECK-IN

\* IF there is outdoor seating, the voting area will be marked with markers/cones/etc.

You must be within that area to have your vote tabulated \*

## AM I CONNECTED?

You ARE connected if an antenna and bars are displayed on your screen.

If you do not see the antenna/bars then move closer to the voting area.\*

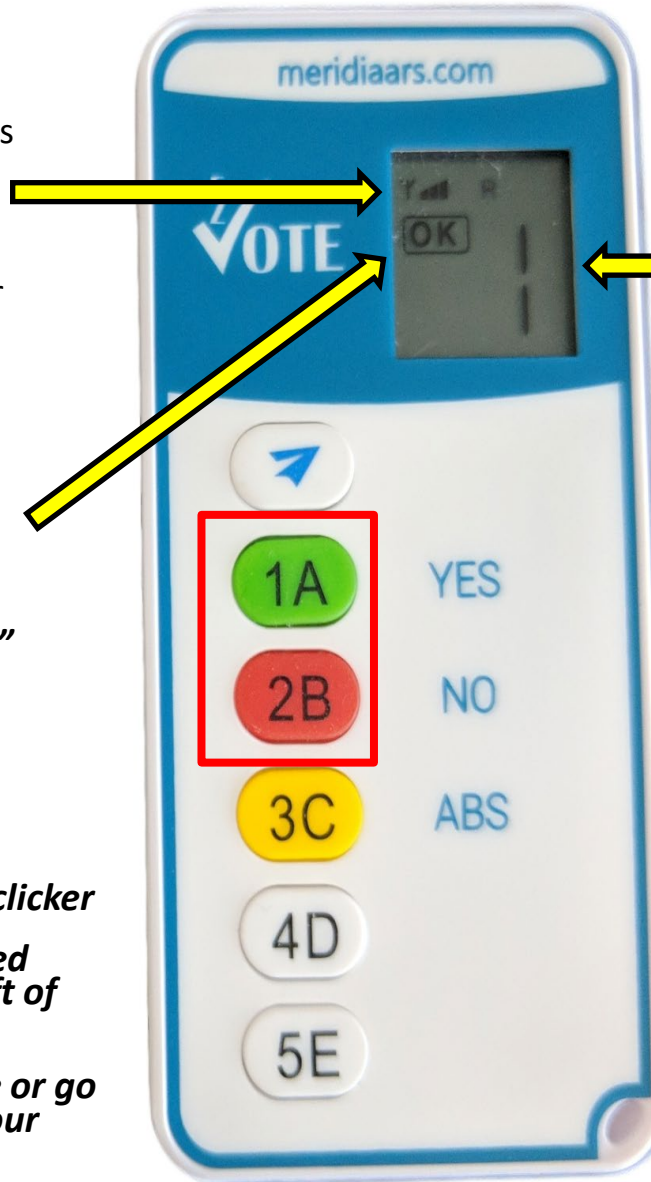
If you are still having an issue – raise your hand or go to the check-in table to exchange your clicker for a new one.

## WAS MY VOTE RECEIVED?

After pressing 1 or 2 your vote is sent automatically. If you see the word “OK” then the system received your vote.

## EClicker ISSUES? Try these steps

- **First:** press any button to activate Eclicker
- **Second:** make sure you are connected (antenna & bars displayed upper left of screen)
- **Lastly:** raise you hand for assistance or go to the check-in table to exchange your Eclicker for a new one



## WHAT WAS MY LAST VOTE?

**1 = YES      2 = NO**

*look here on screen*

## WHEN DO I VOTE?

*The Moderator will announce the open voting window & the countdown to closing the voting window.*

## CAN I CHANGE MY VOTE?

*Voters may change their vote at any time during the “open voting period”.*

*The screen will display their vote choice (1=yes 2=no) AND “OK” to confirm the vote was received by the system.*

**ONLY YOUR LAST VOTE COUNTS**

# Cast of Characters

- Jim Salvie                      Town Moderator
- Lisa Lavina                    Deputy Moderator
  
- Linda Hathaway              Town Clerk
- Deb Seith                      Assistant Town Clerk
- Ron Eld                        IT Director
- Robin Stein                    Town Counsel

# Select Board

Cortni Frecha, Chair

Megan Birch-McMichael, Clerk

Ingeborg Hegemann Clark

Hector Constantzos

John “JT” Toole

Denise Dembkoski, Town Administrator

# **Finance Committee**

Christopher Buck

Kevin Gross

Brian Patuto

Evgenia Petrova

Dan Petersen,  
appointed 8/1/23

# **Capital Planning**

Steve Jelinek, Chair

David P. Arsenault

Ed DeLuca

John “JT” Toole

Missy Reed, Associate

# Non-Voters to address the meeting

- Denise Dembkoski      Town Administrator
- Robin Stein      Town Counsel
- Tina McAndrew      Library Director
- Laura Friend      Assistant Superintendent of Schools

# Debate

- Respectful debate is expected. Our meeting is governed by *Town Meeting Time*, our by-laws, and traditions.
- Identify yourself when you speak at a microphone – “Jane Doe from 123 Green Apple Way”
- All comments must be related to the motion being discussed.
- All questions are directed to the moderator, who will redirect them to the appropriate person.
- There is a 2-minute time limit per speaker at a microphone, plus one 1-minute follow-up.
- Try to do one thing at a time. Avoid being repetitive.
- If you feel everything useful has been said, you can make a motion to end debate.
- Motions for reconsideration allowed only if new information is offered, and then only for 2 hours after initial vote.



Town Meeting is being recorded by StowTV

It will replay several times this week on

Comcast 9 / Verizon 33

Check [stowtv.org](http://stowtv.org) for schedule

# **THANKS TO:**

StowTV for sound and recording

The checkers and assistant and deputy  
moderators

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Town Clerk's Office

Town Administrator's Office

Select Board Office