

Provincetown Town Meeting Voters:

WHAT TO EXPECT AT TOWN MEETING

Provincetown's Annual Town Meeting is when we fulfill our role as citizen-legislators and decide many issues, including our Town's Budget. Needless to say, this year's meeting will be very different from our normal Town meeting. Town staff have put a lot of thought and work in creating a setting that allows us to meet and conduct business in the midst of a global health crisis. With the safety of voters and town officials as our goals, here's what you can expect when you arrive at Town Meeting.

PLANS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON WEATHER OR CHANGES TO THE PANDEMIC RESPONSE

PARKING: Parking available in the Grace Hall Parking Lot. The parking spaces against the backside of the Church in Lot 2 will be reserved for handicapped parking. There are also handicapped spaces in Lot 1 along Prince Street. Overflow parking will be accommodated in Lot 3 and 4.

MASKS: Masks are required the entire time you are at Town Meeting. If you have a medical reason why you can not wear a mask, please contact the Town Manager's Office in advance and special accommodations will be provided.

ARRIVAL & SCREENING: The Check-in will be on Mozart Avenue adjacent to the Church rectory building. Please maintain a safe distance while waiting in line. If you attend with other members of your household, please stay together and be seated together.

Before you enter Town Meeting, a member of the Rescue Department will take your temperature with a non-contact thermal instrument. If you have any symptoms of COVID infection, or evidence of a fever, we ask that you not attend the meeting for the safety of your fellow voters.

CHECK-IN: The registrars will check you in based on your last name. Due to the limitation of space, Non-voters will be seated in a separate section outside. This restriction does not apply to town officials who are required by Charter to attend.

SEATING: After you have been checked in, a volunteer will seat you. Seats will be arranged in pairs and have been specifically placed in rows on a grid pattern to maintain a safe distance between voters. Please do not move chairs so as to disrupt the distancing. If there are more than two people in your household party, a volunteer will seek to accommodate you. Extra chairs will be available for set up along the perimeter if desired. Once you are seated, we ask that you remain seated for the duration unless you need to use the restrooms.

All seating is outdoors and in the open air. Please ensure that you are prepared for the weather conditions throughout the evening. The sun will be setting, so you should be prepared by bringing a small flashlight if you have difficulty reading your warrant. You should also bring water, but please not food.

Please ensure that you apply any bug spray or insect repellent prior to entering town meeting. As some people may be allergic, please do not bring aerosol spray repellent into the town meeting.

No smoking will be permitted within town meeting.

DEBATE: If you wish to speak during town meeting, please stand in place at your seating location and a volunteer will bring you a microphone.

Microphones will be sanitized between speakers, but you are still required to leave your mask on when you speak.

Please identify yourself clearly once recognized, and before speaking as the Moderator may not be able to recognize you because of the mask.

VOTING: When you check in, you will be provided with a brightly colored voter card. Votes will be taken by a show of cards held in the air.

LEAVING TOWN MEETING: After the meeting ends, I ask that voters remain in their seats and leave only when their row is cleared. This will help to minimize crowding at the exits and maintain safe distancing.

This town meeting will be a unique experience for us all. I ask you all to be patient, maintain your good humor and decorum. Remember that some people may be more concerned about social distancing than others. Please respect one another as we work through these challenges.

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, there will be no childcare and no transportation available.

