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April 8, 2022

Hon. Mark Forest, Chairman
And Members
Board of Selectmen
1146 Route 28
South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Re: Assignment of Polling Location

Dear Mr. Chairman & Members:

As I mentioned at your meeting on April 5, 2022, I am requesting that you assign polling locations for Precincts 5, 6, 8, and Sub-Precinct 8A. As you know, Precinct 8 and its Sub-Precinct 8A are new precincts for the Town of Yarmouth. In addition, the existing polling location at the Cape and Islands Realtors Building is unavailable for the May 17, 2022 Annual Town Election. I have surveyed a number of locations, and am asking that you designate the Yarmouth Senior Center to remain as the polling location for Precincts 2 & 4, but to also name it as the polling location for Precincts 5, 6, 8, and 8A at this time.

I base my recommendation on the following facts:

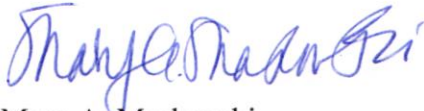
1. That the Yarmouth Senior Center is centrally located and easily accessible via Route 28 & Forest Road, via Union Street/Station Avenue and Old Town House Road, and via Buck Island Road & West Yarmouth Road.
2. That the Yarmouth Senior Center is the closest available location to the existing location on Mid Tech Drive which it is replacing.
3. That the Yarmouth Senior Center has a large, well-lit parking lot consisting of approximately 140 parking spaces, with approximately 18 handicapped accessible parking spaces.
4. That the main entrances to the polling location are handicapped accessible so that all voters have the same path to access the polling location.
5. That the Yarmouth Senior Center has ample available rooms to house our polls including a large open ballroom, adjacent classrooms, and a large solarium which are each sufficiently large in size to house polling locations for multiple precincts.

6. That the Yarmouth Senior Center is handicapped accessible and has multiple entrances and exits near the parking lot to accommodate our Yarmouth voters.
7. That it is beneficial to house Precinct 8 & Sub-Precinct 8A with Precincts 5 & 6 as they will share a common ballot during state elections.
8. That the public convenience and public health of the Yarmouth voters would be better served if all 5 precincts and the sub-precinct be housed at the Yarmouth Senior Center.
9. That the assignment of the Yarmouth Senior Center as a polling location for Precincts 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 & 8A will not have a disparate, adverse impact on access to the polls on the basis of race, national origin, disability, income or age.

A copy of this letter has been posted to the Town Clerk's page on the Town's website. At this time, I recommend that you adopt the foregoing findings of fact and vote to assign the Yarmouth Senior Center as the polling location for Precincts 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 & Sub-Precinct 8A, as described. By way of information, we did also review the possibility of using the Russo Lodge at the Flax Pond Recreation area. However, portable lighting would be needed at that location for election day. Additionally, we reviewed multiple commercial locations, but the Senior Center provided a better and more accessible location than the others surveyed.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,



Mary A. Maslowski
Town Clerk

Cc: Robert Whritenour, Town Administrator
Eduard Senteio, Finance Director