**CANDIDATE INFORMATION:**

Candidates may be in attendance at the polling place.

Candidates may seek to greet voters coming into the Hollis polls. (Please follow the current State of Maine Covid19 restrictions and guidelines)

Candidates may state their name but may NOT state the name of the office sought and may NOT ask voters to vote for them.

Political advertising is not permitted within 250 feet of the polling place.

Hollis Town Hall uses the sign at the end of Town Farm Road to designate 250 feet from voting areas. No one may park a car with any political advertising material on it if he/she is coming to the polls for any reason other than just voting. Signs bearing political messages relating to the election may NOT be placed within the right of way earlier than six weeks before the election to which they relate, and, if so placed, they must be removed by the candidate or political committee not later than one week after the election per 23 MRSA § 1913- A.L

New State Campaign laws went into place for June of 2020. Campaign signs may be placed in the right of way for up to 6 weeks from January 1- June 30th and another 6 weeks between July 1 and December 31st. The law also states individual signs bearing substantially the same message must be placed at least 30 feet from one another and requires that each sign be labeled with the owner’s name, address and the date on which the sign was erected.

Campaign buttons may be worn by persons who are present at the polling place solely for the purpose of voting. Accordingly, a candidate who is at the polls to meet and greet the voters or to vote and also to meet and greet the voters, may NOT wear campaign buttons, t-shirts, hats, etc. with any candidate’s name or party affiliation that is on the ballot. Campaign buttons may not be greater than 3 inches in size.

Candidates listed on the ballot may only request their own absentee ballot. Candidates are not allowed to request absentee ballots for any other family members, friends or third-party requests. Candidates listed on the ballot may NOT return any other person’s absentee ballot

No cellular phones, beepers, voice or signal pagers are to be in the polling place. The Town Meeting Moderator or Election Warden may exempt election worker or emergency personnel.

**PETITIONS:** One may collect petition signatures on a referendum question or other petitions at the polling place, and SHOULD make advance arrangement for this with the Town Clerk the Friday before the election. Please check that your petition’s meet the requirements of either the Secretary of State ‘s Office or The Town of Hollis Petition’s Ordinance. All persons collecting signatures should check in with the Election Warden and or Moderator on Election Day. A voter’s signature may be solicited only after the voter has voted. Conversations on Election Day must be quiet and not interrupt voters.

**VOTING:** Voting is held at the Hollis Community Building 35 Town Farm Road, Hollis, Maine 04042. The Annual Hollis Town Meeting (June 8, 2021) begins at 6:45 a.m. to elect a moderator and the polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

**ABSENTEE VOTING:** Absentee voting takes place at the Hollis Town Hall, 34 Town Farm Road Hollis, Me 04042.

Absentee Ballots may be requested by calling 929-2254 for your own ballot or you may complete a written absentee ballot request form. For Municipal Elections on-line absentee ballot request forms are NOT available. Absentee Ballots may be returned in person to the Hollis Town Hall, to the outside ballot drop box (located at the Hollis Town Hall 34 Town Farm Road Hollis, ME 04042) or returned by mail. Absentee Ballots must be received by 8p.m on election day to be counted.

Absentee Ballots will be available 30 days before the election during office hours.

Absentee Ballots may be requested up to 90 days before any election.

We also ask all election workers and candidates to park as far away from the polls as possible to allow easy access to our buildings for all voters.

This information sheet may not be all inclusive of current election laws. Please consult the State Elections Website, Town of Hollis website or your local Town Clerk for more information or election questions.

 **Town of Hollis, Maine Official website is at** [**www.hollismaine.org**](http://www.hollismaine.org)
 Ordinance Regarding the Circulation of Petitions
 Policy # 4 Circulation of Petitions
 Policy #12 Town of Hollis Polling Petition Place Petition Policy

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Enclosure: MDOT Political Sign Letter dated May 21, 2020