

## PRESS RELEASE

Weymouth Commission on Disabilities encourages all American citizens and residents living with disability to exercise your right AND VOTE!

### **Last day to register to vote:**

Friday, August 19, 2016 for the September 8, 2016 State Primary

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 for the November 8, 2016 State Election

During the past year, members of the Weymouth Commission on Disabilities (COD) visited all polling places in our town to consider accessibility for our voting residents. In preparation for the most recent State elections on April 12 and May 10, 2016, Commission member Ron Evans joined Town Clerk Kathleen Deree in advance to assess each polling place for: Visible, designated parking for person(s) with HP placard or HP plate; signage indicating accessible building entrance; fully accessible entrance to polling place; AUTOMARK voting machines and available assistance to a person with a disability.

Each polling place has designated accessible parking.

Each precinct has the same fully accessible entrance for all voters in Weymouth EXCEPT at Precinct 6, Abigail Adams School. All entrances allow for wheelchair, scooters, walkers, and other assistive devices. The Abigail Adams School accessible parking and entrance is located at the rear of the building through the entrance off Academy Avenue.

Voters may also choose to use the AUTOMARK voting machine. AUTOMARK uses the same statewide balloting system to mark your choices using your choice of assistive technology features (see SIDEBAR). You may use AUTOMARK voting machines independently or with assistance from a poll worker.

Weymouth volunteer poll workers and ward captains are ready to offer any assistance to cast their vote.

You may also choose to vote by Absentee ballot. Contact the Town Clerk's office or download a request form at

<http://www.weymouth.ma.us/town-clerk/pages/forms-documents>

**Weymouth Office of  
Town Clerk**  
(781) 340-5017

**Elections Division**  
Commonwealth of MA  
800-462-VOTE (8683)  
[elections@sec.state.ma.us](mailto:elections@sec.state.ma.us)

## AUTOMARK voting

### **Audio Function**

- Voter hears list of candidates through headphones
- Synthesized voice enables voter control of speech speed and volume
- Choices may be repeated easily
- Selections are read back to voter at end of session, ensuring proper selection was made

### **Zoom Feature**

- Increase font size displayed on the viewing touch screen
- Adjustable brightness contrast helps voters with limited vision or macular degeneration

### **Sip-and-Puff Tube**

Voters unable to use the touch screen or touch pad can vote autonomously.

<http://www.essvote.com/products/6/13/ballot-marking-devices/AutoMARK>

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Weymouth Commission on Disabilities  
Next meeting:  
Wednesday, **Sept 21, 2016 at 7pm**  
McCulloch Building, 182 Green St