

Time to Re-Up Electronic Voting for the next 3 years!

Keep your eye on Wayland's Town Meeting Dates April 6, 7, 8

At the Wayland Annual Town Meeting of April 2012, it was resolved that electronic voting would be used in our open town meeting for a period of 3 years. Years 2013, 2014 and 2015. This April 2015 is the end of the 3 year resolution. It is now time to Re-Up Electronic Voting for another 3 years. Wayland's annual town meeting will occur on April 6, 7, 8. The electronic voting article will appear at or near the end of the warrant and its very **likely that April 8th is the.**

Electronic Voting at Town Meeting is not free but cost is fall less than its benefits. You know the benefits, so here are the actual costs... There are **9,000 Registered Voters** in Wayland who can attend, vote, pay for and are affected by every vote at town meeting.

- Over the past three years we have had 3 Annual Town Meetings. Electronic Voting has cost an average of **\$42.5K per ATM**. Thats **\$4.72 per Registered Voter** per Year to cover ATM.
- Over the past three years we have had 2 Special Town Meetings. Electronic Voting has cost an average of **\$18.3K per STM**. Thats **\$2.04 per Registered Voter** per Year to cover STM.
- When both ATM+STM are present within a year then its **\$6.72 per Registered Voter** per Year.

That was the Cost and these are the Benefits:

- Eliminate the Standing Counted Vote - 10, 15, 20, 30+ minutes of standing and being counted by roaming tellers. Ugh!
- Accurately count every voter who wishes to vote - no disenfranchisement - eliminates moderator 'human error'
- Have PRIVACY in your hands as you sit in your chair and vote on the floor of town meeting.

But lets put this cost more into perspective:

- Wayland has a \$73M budget.
- The percentage of that budget associated with the cost of electronic voting is 83/1000th's of one percent (0.083%)
- 96% of our budget is paid by our residential single family residences.
- The Median Assessment FY2015 for a single family residence is \$570.6K
- Our tax rate is currently \$18.39 per K\$
- The Median annual tax bill is \$10.49K for FY2015.
- The portion of that tax bill for **Electronic Voting is \$9.11 per year.**

The Median property in Wayland pays \$9.11 per year for its Open Town Meeting to:

- Be more efficient with their time
- Be inclusive with their voting
- Be accurate with their voting counting
- Be private in their voting
- Make better decisions for all of the residents in town !

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