

Electronic Voting at Town Meeting



Voting at Town Meeting will be conducted using an electronic voting system purchased by the Town of Groton as authorized by Town Meeting in October 2022. Instead of using placards to be raised and counted, voters will use wireless handsets to cast their vote quickly, accurately, and privately.

Voter Check-In

At check-in, voters will be given a handset. No record is made of which voter receives which handset. All handsets will be tested prior to the meeting. Voters physically unable to use a handset, will be seated in a manual-counting section and their votes will be counted and added to the final tally. For voters with visual impairments, large handsets with braille are available.

Test Vote

At the beginning of the meeting, the moderator will conduct a test vote to get everyone comfortable with the voting procedures.

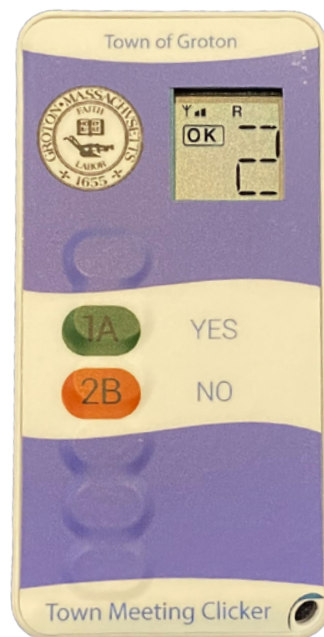
Voting

When the moderator announces it is time to vote:

- Press 1A (green button) for YES. →
- Press 2B (red button) for No. →
- If you wish to not vote, press no buttons.

Proxy Voting Prohibited

The handset given to a voter at check-in is for the exclusive use of that voter. Voting with a handset that has been issued to another individual is strictly forbidden.



Handset Display

The display on the handset:

- OK means the system receiver has received your vote.
- A "1" for Yes or "2" for No shows the vote the system received
- The small "R" at the top of the screen indicates the handset is communicating with the receiver.
- The icons in the top left indicate the WiFi signal strength.

Help Desk

A help desk will be able to assist voters who have trouble with using the handset. If a handset malfunctions, a voter will receive a new handset.

Handset Return

If you leave the meeting temporarily, keep the handset with you. If the meeting ends or you leave, return the handset at the check-in table.