

PRESS RELEASE

To accelerate the check-in process at the Scituate Annual Town Meeting of May 8, 2019, check-in will be done via electronic Poll Pads. The use of computer tablets allows the checker to look the voter up in one of two ways, 1. By manually entering the first few letters of the voter's first and last name; or 2. By scanning the bar code on the back of the voter's driver's license (which speeds the process further).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts does not require that a voter present a license to check in at Town Meeting. However, presenting a license allows for a quicker check in. The Poll Pad matches the name and birth date of the person on the voter list with the name and birth date it reads from the bar code on the back of the license. No information from the scanned license is retained by the Poll Pad.

Also, the check in process is done by name. Therefore, any voter can go to any check in person give their name and receive a voter card as long as they are on the voter list.

The Poll Pads immediately talk to one another which eliminates any chance of checking in more than once.

LHS, the Poll Pad vendor, will be on site for the duration of the check in process. The check in staff attended a training class prior to Town Meeting day to insure that they are familiar with the Poll Pads.