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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### EAST QUOGUE VILLAGE INCORPORATION VOTE

1. Will tabulators from the Board of Elections be used to cast a ballot?
  - Pursuant to Village Law, the Town Clerk is charged with running the election, with the assistance of the Suffolk County Board of Elections (the “BOE”).
  - The Town has requested, and the BOE will be providing, two voting machines – or tabulators – as well as two custodians the day of the vote to help with those voting machines.
2. How will the election inspectors be chosen to work the vote?
  - Pursuant to Village Law §2-220, the Supervisor and the Town Clerk are the election inspectors. The Town Board is then charged with appointing four alternate election inspectors. Those election inspectors must be qualified voters of the territory proposed to be incorporated.
  - The Town requested that BOE provide a list of certified inspectors, so that people who have experience in elections can be chosen. BOE provided that list, and the Town has identified 4 people who are both certified and trained by the BOE, and who also reside within the proposed territory.
  - On Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Town Board adopted Resolution No. 991 of 2019, designating those 4 election inspectors who have committed to working the election.
3. Will there be coverage at the Board of Elections the day of the election if there are any questions about any voters?
  - The Board of Elections will not be weighing-in on voter eligibility questions on the day of the election. While the BOE is kindly assisting the Town, it is the Town Clerk’s election to run.
  - If a person is unsure of whether or not he or she can vote, they should review the list of eligible voters provided by the BOE, which must be filed in the Town Clerk’s

Office on **Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** – 10 days before the election (Village Law §2-218(1)).

- If a person's name is not on the list provided by BOE, then he or she should come to Town Hall on Friday, **October 11<sup>th</sup>**, and apply to the Town Clerk for their name to be added to the list upon presentation of proper proofs (Village Law §2-218(2)).
  - That notice has been posted on the Town's website, throughout the proposed territory in 5 places, in the Southampton Press, and in Newsday.
  - Importantly, pursuant to Village Law §2-218(4), if a person's name is not on the voter registration list on the day of the election, they will not be allowed to vote.
  - For this reason, it is important to check beforehand and, if a person's name is not on the list, he or she should come to the Town Clerk's Office on October 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - There are no affidavit ballots on the day of the election.
4. What is the last date that a person can register before they will not be on the voter eligibility list?
- If a person has not yet registered to vote in East Quogue, then it is highly unlikely that he or she will be on the BOE's list of eligible voters.
  - The list of eligible voters, obtained from the BOE, will be filed in the Town Clerk's Office on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – which is 10 days before the election (Village Law §2-218(1)).
  - If a person is not on the voter registration list, then he or she must come to Town Hall on Friday, **October 11<sup>th</sup>**, between the hours of **noon** and **9 p.m.**, and apply to the Town Clerk for their name to be added to the list upon presentation of proper proofs (Village Law §2-218(2)).
5. How are the votes tallied at the end of the election?
- After the BOE custodians remove the tape from the machines, the Town Clerk will announce the vote.
  - The vote will be in the form of either "for incorporation" or "against incorporation" pursuant to Village Law §2-220(2).
  - It is anticipated that press, poll watchers, and other interested parties will be present when the polls close.
  - No additional people will be allowed in after the polls close, but if an individual is already in the room when the polls close, he or she may remain.

- It is expected that people will behave respectfully and with appropriate decorum.