

Voting Information

The Referendum will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, from 8am to 8pm at the Minot Town Office located at 329 Woodman Hill Road, Minot

The Election will include the State's primary and possible referendum question(s), the RSU budget and referendum questions, and two Municipal referendum questions.

Absentee ballots can be requested starting 3 months before the election through Thursday, June 9th at 6 pm. Ballots will be mailed out 30 days before the election and need to be returned by 8pm on June 14th. You can make a request on the State's website, by calling the Town Office, and in-person at the Town Office. Ballots can be returned in-person during business hours, after hours in the secure drop box in front of the Town Office entrance, or through the mail. Be sure to provide plenty of time for delivery if you choose to mail it! Please read the instructions included with your absentee ballot to avoid issues or errors.

Voter registration can occur at any point, including the day of voting. First time registrants must bring proof of ID and proof of residency. To vote in the primary portion of the election you must be enrolled in a political party that has a ballot. The last day to make a party change is Friday, May 27th by 1 pm. If you are unenrolled in a party, you may enroll at any time, including election day.

Contact Us

Any of the clerks would be happy to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the voting process. For specific questions you can reach out to the Town Clerk, Sara Farris, who is also the Voter Registrar and in charge of elections.

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Town of Minot

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RSU and Municipal Referendum Questions for June 14, 2022



TOWN OF MINOT

April 26, 2022 Version

Local Referendum Ballot Questions

RSU:

QUESTION 1:

- Voting YES will approve the RSU budget as presented and considered at the District Budget Meeting on Tuesday May 17th starting at 6:30 pm.
- Voting NO means you do not approve the RSU budget that was presented.

The reason that this question looks different from the last couple of years is because that format was an exception used due to the pandemic when the budget validation process could not occur. Since the State's Emergency Order has been lifted, the question has reverted to its previous, State approved, format.

QUESTION 2:

- Voting YES to this question will continue the process of holding an in-person District Budget Meeting and a referendum vote to approve the RSU Budget.
- Voting NO to this question will remove the referendum vote and convert to a single stage process with just the district budget meeting required for budget consideration.

Maintaining the two-phase process allows voters more opportunity to understand individual line items and allows all voters to participate in local elections and maintains due process. Removing the referendum vote will remove the flexibility of absentee voting and reaching a larger body of registered voters within the towns because the district budget meeting requires voters to be in person at the time of the meeting in order to vote but will reduce the number of steps involved in the approval process.

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QUESTION 3:

- Voting YES will allow the Board of Selectmen to utilize \$150,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds toward the expansion of broadband services in the Charter-Spectrum territory.
- Voting NO will require the Selectmen to seek additional funding sources and/or negotiate with other Internet Service Providers (ISPs).

This project is considered the “final” phase of getting all access to broadband. For a list of properties, see www.minotme.org.

QUESTION 4:

- Voting YES to this allows the Board of Selectmen to utilize up to \$188,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance for the Charter-Spectrum broadband project if the Androscoggin County Commissioners deny or reduce the request for County ARPA funds to make up the difference in the Town's share of \$338,000 (\$150,000 from Town ARPA funds in Question 1).
- Voting NO to this question could delay the project while the Board of Selectmen research other funding options or try to renegotiate, including the project area, to reduce costs.

You may view sample ballots at the Town Office during office hours.