



News Worth Sharing: Instructions for attending the Annual Town Budget Meeting tonight

Friends and neighbors,

Tonight at 7:00p, the Annual Town Meeting is scheduled to take place via the Zoom virtual platform. The meeting agenda is posted on the [town website](#), and links are at the bottom of this email.

This communication details some important information and tips for a smooth and productive meeting.

Most importantly, if you plan to attend, the zoom will open at 6:00p in order for the Registrars of Voters to verify voters. Please log in early - once you're verified we'll put you in a breakout room and you can turn off your camera and microphone until the meeting starts at 7:00p.

Please read all of these instructions thoroughly so you understand the flow for the evening.

Stay well,

Who can vote at a Town Meeting?

To vote at the meeting, you must be a registered voter in Kent, or own property in Kent assessed at more than \$1,000.00 (see below for details).

If you are unsure of your voter eligibility status, you can look up your voter status on the [Connecticut Secretary of State Voter Registration Lookup website](#). If you are not registered to vote, you can register to vote online through the [Connecticut Secretary of State Online Voter Registration Portal](#).

- **Eligible voters are those who are either:**
 - a) a registered voter in the town of Kent or;
 - b) a property owner in the town of Kent whose property is assessed at more than \$1,000.00 on the Grand List as of October 1st, 2021.
- **ID will be required in order to be eligible to vote.**
 - Acceptable forms of identification:
 - Driver's license
 - Social security card
 - Passport
 - Any document that includes:
 - your name and signature; or
 - name and address; or
 - name and photograph.
 - examples can be found at [the State of CT voter ID website](#).

Guidance for attending and voting via Zoom

To attend the meeting, click on the link at the bottom of this email.

In order to vote, attendees must be verified by the Registrars of Voters prior to the start of the meeting. **In order to save time, please make sure your Zoom profile displays your correct first and last name (no nicknames please!).**

Please read these important steps prior to the meeting:

- The Zoom link for the meeting will be active one hour before the start of the meeting, beginning at 6:00p. This is in order for the Registrars of Voters (ROVs) to verify attendees' voter eligibility.
- **Please log in as early as possible so we can get everyone checked in.**
- If more than one resident in a household is eligible to vote, they must be logged into the Zoom meeting with separate devices. **Only one poll vote is allowed per device.**
- Devices must have video and audio for voter verification. Information on how to join a Zoom meeting can be found on the Zoom website.

Process for voter verification:

- When you click the link or log into the Zoom meeting, you will be placed in a "waiting room". The ROVs will admit attendees one at a time into the ID Check Room to verify them. **Please make sure your video is on and you have your ID ready to show the ROVs.** Please be patient and be prepared to wait.
- Once you have been admitted, the ROVs will ask you to present identification for voter verification. Please have your ID ready to present on your video to the ROVs. (Note: if your Zoom profile does not display your correct name, your name will be corrected for the meeting).
- Once the ROVs have verified your voter eligibility, you will be invited to join the Main Meeting Room. You will get a pop-up message on your display to accept an invite to "Join a Breakout Room" - click the "Join" option.

Process for voting, which will take place using the Zoom Polling feature:

- By remotely voting, the Town of Kent is accepting your representation that the person voting is who they state they are, and by the act of voting, the voter is making that express representation.
- At the time of each motion, non-voting participants will be placed into the waiting room.
- Attendees will be asked to vote via a Zoom poll. All questions have only two options: "yes" or "no." Click on your choice and click "submit." It's that easy!
- For each motion, the Zoom results will be displayed by the moderator once all participants are brought back into the meeting. This may take a few moments so please be patient.

Four important things to remember:

1. **Login to the Zoom meeting as early as possible** (registration opens at 6:00p) - the Registrars need ample time to verify everyone;
2. **Make sure display name of your Zoom profile shows your first and last name** (no nicknames please!), to save the Registrars time.
3. **Have your ID ready** to show the Registrars so they can verify you are eligible to vote (if you do not have your ID ready when they bring you in from the waiting room, you will be placed back in the waiting room).
4. **Please be patient!** The team is doing their very best to keep the meeting moving and organized.

Zoom Meeting ID: 879 8036 4040

Zoom link for meeting

Link to Meeting Notice

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