

## **WOBURN COUNCIL ON AGING**

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To: Polling Place Review Committee

From: Joanne Collins, Director-Woburn Council on Aging

Re: Possibility of Senior Center being a Voting Site

The Veteran's Memorial Senior Center would be available to be a Polling Place for the citizens of Woburn. In fact, having "new" people come to the Senior Center would be an opportunity for us to let the community know about the numerous programs/services we offer. The concerns/issues that I foresee are as follows:

1) In the event the Senior Center is chosen to be a Polling Place we would most likely cancel all programs and activities that regularly take place due to concerns for the safety of our participants and the voters who may have young children with them when they come to vote. Tuesdays actually would be the easiest day for us to cancel programs.

If the Center was to be utilized this November we would like to know approximately a month prior as we would want to provide ample notice to people that we would cancel programming. Our newsletter goes to the publisher 4 to 6 weeks prior. We would have senior center staff working for those seniors that may come seeking help with various issues/needs.

2) If there were Special Elections to be held at the Senior Center, again we would like as much notice as possible so we can address programming issues. In October we begin planning events with numerous sponsors for the upcoming year.

3) How far in advance would the polling equipment need to be set up?