

From: Marie A. Krepelka

Presidential Primary Elections

Precinct 17 Highland Fire Station – Presidential Primary Elections

2000 – 434

2004 – 445

Precinct 17 moved to Stratton School April, 2005

Precinct 17 – Stratton School

2008 – 470

2012 – 156

2016 – 707

From: "Stephanie Lucarelli" <SLucarelli@town.arlington.ma.us>
To: "Marie Krepelka" <MKrepelka@town.arlington.ma.us>
Date: 09/08/2015 09:23 AM
Subject: Re: Highland Fire Station - Voting Record

Hi Marie:

Here are the results for Precinct 17, Highland Fire Station - Town Elections Totals

2000	-	265
2001	-	187
2002	-	145
2003	-	115
2004	-	89
2005	-	154
2006	-	149
2007	-	106
2008	-	113
2009	-	84
2010	-	110
2011	-	137
2012	-	290
2013	-	190
2014	-	143
2015	-	66



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Robert J Jefferson
Fire Chief

Memo to: Marie Krepelka, Board Administrator, Arlington Board of Selectmen

From: Robert J Jefferson, Fire Chief

Date: March 1, 2016

Subject: Precinct voting at Highland Station

This memo will summarize our conversation in regards to using the Highland Station as a polling location. As I have stated to you, I feel that the Highland Station is not a reasonable location to be used as a voting location for area precincts. The only area that could be used for voting is the apparatus garage floor. This is a garage floor and quite often there are fluids and grease on the apparatus floor. Although they are cleaned regularly, the stain and some slippery surface remain. The apparatus are diesel powered vehicles and even with the air vent system; these odors can remain in the garage area. I bring up these two points because they were the main complaints by the poll workers when they were in there before.

Other issues that would be a problem is that the front door is not handicapped accessible and that is the main entrance to access the apparatus bay area without going through firefighter security entrance. The garage heating system is designed for keeping the apparatus warm in the winter but not at a comfort level that would be found in an office or residential system. There is no air conditioning system for the apparatus garage.

Lastly, and most importantly, our apparatus needs to be housed in the colder weather to prevent freezing. When it is outside during the cold weather, it is usually at a call and is idling which prevents freezing. Although most elections are by early November, we could have a day in which the weather is below freezing and we would not be able to leave apparatus outside.

Please contact me for any further information. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

CC: Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY, TOWN OF ARLINGTON

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Memo To: Marie Krepelka
From: Jack Jones
Date: 09/25/15
Subject: Highland Station Voting

Marie:

I am writing in response to a resident's request that the Highland Fire Station be considered as a polling location.

As you are aware the entry way that would be available for voting at the Highland Fire Station is interrupted by steps and therefore not accessible. The Architectural Access Board 521 CMR 25.2 states that the approach to an accessible entrance must be uninterrupted by steps. Opening the Station front doors for voting would not be an acceptable option do to the safety of voters during a fire emergency. In addition bad weather during winter months would be problematic.

The Office of the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and the Massachusetts Office on Disability have been working with local and municipal governments to ensure that people with disabilities have equal access to polling places during elections. This right is guaranteed by both state and federal laws, including the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, §504, 29 U.S.C. §794; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §12131 et seq.; the Help Americans Vote Act, 42 U.S.C. §15301 et seq.; the Voting Accessibility of the Elderly and Handicapped Act, 42 U.S.C. §1973 the Secretary of State's Polling Place Accessibility for Elderly and Handicapped Act, 42 U.S.C.; the Secretary of State's Polling Place Accessibility for Elderly and Handicapped Voters regulations, 950 C.M.R. §51 et seq.; the Massachusetts civil rights statute, G.L. c. 93, §103; and Article 114 of the Massachusetts Constitution.

Based on these legal requirements my recommendation is that the Highland Fire Station not be used as a polling location. If you have any questions regarding this recommendation or about these legal requirements, please let me know.