

November 6, 2020

Senator Julian Cyr
Room 218, State House
Boston, MA 02133

Representative Dylan Fernandes
Room 326, State House
Boston, MA 02133

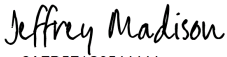
Dear Sirs;

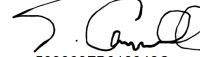
The Island towns Boards of Selectmen would like to ask the Legislature to consider making permanent the allowance of remote participation in Board meetings. Since we have begun meeting on video platforms such as Zoom we have found increased participation from our citizenry. For those people with child care issues or other commitments that make attendance out of the home impossible, this new way of participating has brought them into the conversation.

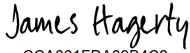
In addition, many of the Island towns have passed resolutions relating to, or are working towards, a more sustainable future. Making participation easy, without requiring a trip in the car is another step towards achieving this goal.


If there is anything further that we can provide to help you evaluate this request please don't hesitate to contact us.

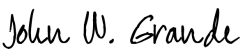
Sincerely,
Town Administrators

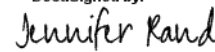
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