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Remote Participation by Members of Public Bodies Survey

The presence of COVID-19 and the state-of-emergency, forced municipalities and public bodies to conduct meetings remotely. A recent survey compiled data from municipal officials regarding their recent experience with remote proceedings. The survey was distributed to key leaders and public access officers and generated 43 responses. The window to complete the survey lasted from October 14th to November 2nd, 2020. Every county in Maine had at least one municipality complete the survey. The following is a compilation of all responses.

How much do you agree with the following statements?

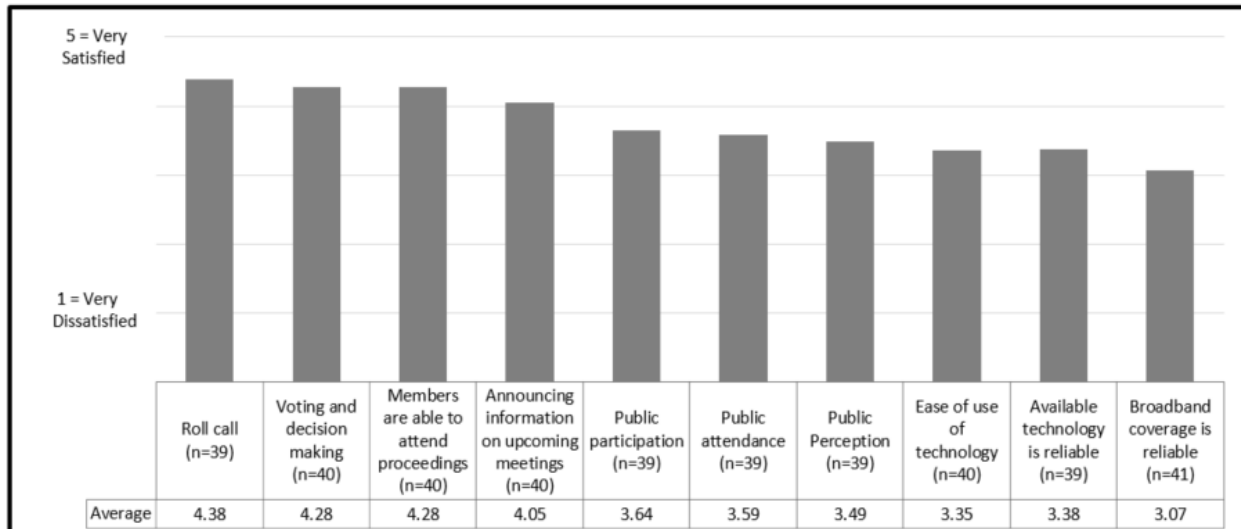
Prior to COVID-19 and the Governor's state-of-emergency orders, our municipality was prepared to conduct remote public proceedings. (n=43)

Strongly Agree	0	0%
Agree	3	7%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	10	23%
Disagree	15	35%
Strongly Disagree	15	35%

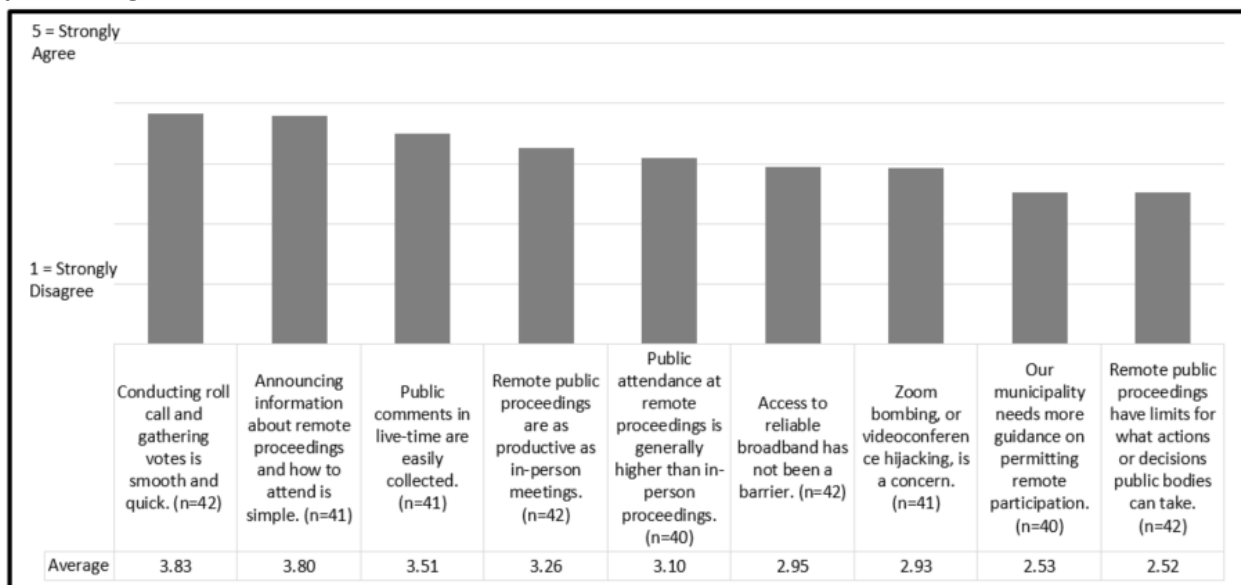
After the Governor's state-of-emergency orders terminate, our municipality would prefer remote proceedings become a permanent option for public proceedings. (n=43)

Strongly Agree	14	33%
Agree	11	26%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	8	18%
Disagree	4	9%
Strongly Disagree	6	14%

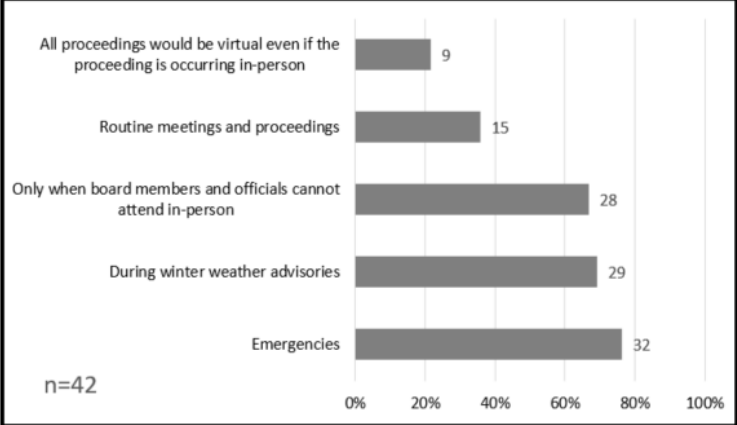
What is your perception of the following aspects of remote public proceedings?



How much do you agree with the following statements regarding conducting remote public proceedings?



If given permanent authority to conduct remote public proceedings, for what purposes would your municipality conduct remote proceedings? *Select ALL that apply:*



Respondents by County¹

POPULATION	TOWN	COUNTY	POPULATION	TOWN	COUNTY
2,598	Minot	Androscoggin	2,755	Bristol	Lincoln
5,612	Poland	Androscoggin	2,607	Bethel	Oxford
5,043	Sabattus	Androscoggin	2,474	Dixfield	Oxford
1,462	Mars Hill	Aroostook	830	Greenwood	Oxford
9,313	Cape Elizabeth	Cumberland	5,687	Rumford	Oxford
12,240	Falmouth	Cumberland	1,759	West Paris	Oxford
898	Gray	Cumberland	1,478	Bradley	Penobscot
240	Long Island	Cumberland	1,120	Dixmont	Penobscot
3,800	North Yarmouth	Cumberland	5,085	Lincoln	Penobscot
1,814	Sebago	Cumberland	1,269	Sangerville	Piscataquis
25,606	South Portland	Cumberland	1,910	West Bath	Sagadahoc
4,851	Jay	Franklin	4,855	Madison	Somerset
138	Cranberry Isles	Hancock	565	Islesboro	Waldo
1,915	Deer Isle	Hancock	2,222	Lincolnton	Waldo
1,686	Lamoine	Hancock	820	Waldo	Waldo
3,189	Belgrade	Kennebec	3,963	Winterport	Waldo
2,561	Readfield	Kennebec	104	Grand Lake Stream	Washington
1,010	Rome	Kennebec	21,514	Biddeford	York
5,991	Winthrop	Kennebec	4,706	Hollis	York
3,373	Rockport	Knox	3,639	Kennebunkport	York
2,259	Union	Knox	927	Ogunquit	York

¹ Population as of 2018, US Census Bureau