

TOWN & SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

NOTICE TO VOTERS

Here is some basic information about the Town and School District Meeting. If you have other questions, ask your Town Clerk (802)253-6133 or call the Secretary of State's office at (800) 439-8683.

REGISTER TO VOTE! Go to your Town Clerk's office. You must apply by 5:00 pm Wednesday, February 29, 2012, if you want to vote in the Town and School District Meeting. Check to make sure your name appears on it. **NO PARTY REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY!** You don't have to tell anyone which party you favor.

The only time you will be asked to affiliate with a party will be at the primary elections. You will be asked to choose a party ballot to establish a slate for the general election.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE! If you will be out of town on Town and School District Meeting Day, are ill or disabled, (or if you reside in an institution, are in school or the military), apply at your Town Clerk's office by 4:30 p.m. March 5, 2012.

SAMPLE BALLOTS WILL BE POSTED! You can see the ballot ahead of time. Sample ballots will be posted no later than **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS

Check-In:

1. Go to an entry checklist table.
2. Give your name and residence, if asked, to the election official in a clear, audible voice.
3. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

Enter:

1. Enter within the guardrail and do not leave until you have voted.
2. An election official will hand you a ballot.
3. Go to a vacant booth.

Mark Your Ballot:

Darken the oval to the right of the choice you want to vote for. Follow the directions on the ballot as to how many persons to vote for (EXAMPLE: "Vote for not more than two.)

Write-Ins:

To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "Write-In" lines on the ballot. Also darken the oval to the right of the name you have written in so that it may be tallied.

Check-Out:

1. Go to the exit checklist table.
2. Give your name to the election official in a clear, audible voice.
3. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

Vote, then Exit:

1. Deposit your ballot in the "Voted Ballots" box or the Vote Tabulator.
2. Leave the voting area by passing outside the guardrail.

WHAT TO DO IF:

YOU ARE NOT ON THE CHECKLIST: If your name has been dropped from the checklist and you think it was in error, explain it to your Town Clerk and ask that your name be put back on.

If the problem isn't cleared up to your satisfaction, have the Town Clerk, Board of Civil Authority, or other election officials call an immediate meeting of the members of your local Board of Civil Authority who are present at the polls. They should check thoroughly and correct any error.

If you are still not satisfied, call the Secretary of State's office at (800) 439-8683.

YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT: Ask an election official for another. Three ballots are the limit.

YOU ARE DISABLED, VISUALLY IMPAIRED OR CANNOT READ: Have a friend tell an election official. A ballot may be brought out to your car by two officials if you so choose to vote there.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO:

1. Knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or in different towns.
2. Try to tell another person how to vote once you are inside the building where voting is taking place.
3. Mislead the Board of Civil Authority as to your or another person's eligibility to vote.
4. Show your marked ballot to others so as to let them know how you voted.
5. Make a mark on your ballot which would identify it as yours.

PLEASE DO NOT:

1. Socialize in the voting area, especially when others are in the process of voting.
2. Bring in or leave brochures, buttons or other campaign materials in the polling place.