

Running for Office, these are things you need to know:

Nomination Papers for a Precinct Position:

- Ask the voters – Are you a registered voter in Precinct Number (pick one precinct 1-13)?
- Ask them to sign their name as clearly as possible. If the signature is illegible – print the name just above the signature in the same box.
- The voters must put their street number and name in the next column (Residential address section). NO ONE LIVES IN A POST OFFICE BOX.
- Individuals can only sign for themselves, not their wife or husband.
- **FIFTY (50)** signatures are needed to nominate a candidate. However, the Town Clerk strongly recommends candidates submit 75-80 names in the event some cannot be certified.

Nomination Papers for a Town-wide Position:

- Ask the voters – Are you a registered voter in Barnstable?
- Ask them to sign their name as clearly as possible, if the signature is illegible – print the name just above the signature in the same box.
- The voters must put their street number and name in the next column (Residential address section). NO ONE LIVES IN A POST OFFICE BOX.
- Individuals can only sign for themselves, not their wife or husband.
- **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150)** signatures are needed to nominate a candidate. However, Town Clerk strongly recommends candidates submit 175 names in the event some cannot be certified.

Town Election is scheduled for November 4, 2025, from 7 AM to 8 PM. **Candidates may only enter the voting precinct where they are a registered voter. You may not campaign inside any precinct. If you choose to visit the other 12 precincts you must remain outside the 150 foot Campaign Boundary.**

Deadlines:

- Last day to submit nomination papers to the Town Clerk - **September 19, 2025**
- Last day to register voters - **October 24, 2025**
- Campaign finance reports are due:
 - **8 days before the election - October 27, 2025**
 - **End of the Year - January 20, 2026**

If you are going to have a committee working on behalf of your candidacy, please have the officers complete a Statement of Organization and file it immediately with the Town Clerk.

Swearing-in Ceremony **Monday, November 17th** at Town Hall. Town Council Administrator Cynthia Lovell will contact the winners with the time.