

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Members: 4, one being the Town Clerk
Appointed by: Board of Selectmen
Length of Term: 3 years
Appointments made: March 31
Meeting Times: As needed

Description: The Registrar of Voters consists of three members who shall represent the two leading political parties of the Town; however, no more than two members may be from the same party. The Town Clerk need not be enrolled in a political party. While the Board's original purpose was to verify the accuracy and validity of elections, the Board may vote to authorize the Town Clerk to perform all certification functions.

Registrars assist the Town Clerk's office in promoting voter registration, maintaining voter registration, certifying signatures on nomination papers and petitions, issuing party enrollment certificates, certifying absentee voter applications, investigating challenges to local nomination papers, conducting recounts, assisting in the preparation of the street list, and being present at all elections as part of the reporting process.

Criteria for Membership: Member of one of the two leading political parties in Town. Each appointment is made by the Board of Selectmen from a list submitted by the town committee of the political party from the members of which the position is to be filled.

Ref.: MGL Chapter 51 §15

Selectmen designated as Special Municipal Employees on April 24, 1963.

Selectmen reaffirmed designation as Special Municipal Employees on January 18, 2006.