

NOMINATION PAPERS FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

TOWN OF POLAND

Municipal elections for our public officials are governed under M.R.S.A. 30-A. In Poland, our elected officials are Selectpersons, RSU#16 Directors (school committee members), and Budget Committee members. All other positions on boards, committees and commissions are appointed by the Board of Selectpersons.

Annual Elections – Generally coincide with State Elections in June - 2nd Tuesday of June.

Nominations – The positions on the elected bodies are staggered three-year terms and elected by secret ballot.

Nomination papers available – The Town Clerk will have nomination papers available not more than one hundred (100) days prior to the election day.

Nomination paper deadline – The Town Clerk must have the signed nomination papers in her/his hands no later than 60 days before the election day.

Number of signatures – A candidate will need not less than twenty-five (25) nor more than fifty (50) signatures from qualified voters of the Town. (It is recommended to get at least thirty-five (35) signatures in case some of the signatures are not registered voters in Poland.)

Submission of nomination papers – The candidate must sign the Consent portion on the nomination papers, which states that the candidate will not withdraw from the race and will qualify for the office if elected. The circulator must sign the oath of qualified voters when they file the nomination papers.

Ability to serve – Any qualified voter of the Town of Poland may be nominated for election as a member of the Board of Selectperson's, School Committee and Budget Committee. A person cannot hold two elected positions at the same time. Also, per the Town Charter under Article X General Provisions.

10.4 Disqualification by Familial Interest

a. Definition of immediate family: an employee's spouse, domestic partner, great-grandparent, grandparent, parent, brother, sister, child, grandchild, or great-grandchild, step-parent, step-child, or the great-grandparent, grandparent, parent, brother, sister, child, grandchild, or great-grandchild, step-parent, step-child, of the employee's spouse or domestic partner, or the spouse or domestic partner of any of them. This also includes individuals for whom the employee is the current legal guardian.

b. If an individual is employed by the Town of Poland, neither the person nor any member of the person's immediate family, as defined in section 10.4a, may hold a board position, elected or appointed, that could influence their employment, compensation, or benefits directly or indirectly.

c. No two members of the same immediate family may serve on the same elected body.

Circulators of nomination papers –

1. A candidate can circulate several sets of papers for the same office. When filing all separate papers shall be assembled and filed as a single document.
2. A person can circulate papers for several candidates for several different offices.

Any person who signs a nomination paper –

1. A voter can sign as many nomination papers for different candidates and offices as they wish.
 2. A voter does not have to vote for the candidate for which they signed a nomination paper.
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Nomination Papers timeline for the upcoming municipal election scheduled for June 13, 2023

Nomination papers will be available beginning Friday, March 3, 2023, and must be filed on or before Friday, April 14, 2023, by 4:00PM at the Town Office.

The following positions are available.

Board of Selectperson's	(1) position for 3 years
RSU#16 Director (School Committee Member)	(2) positions for 3 years
Budget Committee Member	(2) positions for 3 years

Terms expiring and current people holding those positions are listed below:

Board of Selectperson's- Mary-Beth H. Taylor

RSU#16 Director- (School Committee Member) Edward Rabasco, Jr., and Joseph L. Parent

Budget Committee Member- (1) position is currently held by Janice A. Kimball (appointed by Board of Selectperson's) this was the unexpired term of Nathan P. McNally and the (2) position is currently held by Leonard A. Lamoreau.