

Local Candidates

Information for Candidates for Local Office

Nomination to Run for Local Office

Towns that elect their local official officers at a floor meeting, nominate candidates during the meeting (a voter will nominate the candidate who can then accept or decline to run).

Towns that elect officers by Australian ballot require candidates to submit a nominating petition signed by 30 voters or one percent of the checklist—whichever is less. The petition must clearly indicate the office and term length on the petition prior to circulating it for signatures (17 V.S.A. §2681(b)). The nominating petition must be filed with the municipal clerk no later than 5 p.m. on the sixth Monday preceding the day of the election.

Nominating petitions may contain the name of only one candidate. Voters may not sign more than one petition for the same office, unless more than one nomination is to be made, in which case the voter may sign as many petitions as there are nominations to be made for the same office.

As Middlesex currently has 1,475 voters on its checklist, you will need to garner 15 signatures, though our office suggests more to avoid complications from irregularities.