



## ELECTION BULLETIN #14

September 10, 2010

### Guide to Scrutineers and Candidates

#### WHO:

- the candidate may act as his/her own scrutineer
- the candidate may appoint others to act as his/her scrutineer
- a candidate in this case does not include a candidate who has been acclaimed

#### HOW:

- the appointment must be in writing. (Appointment of Scrutineer forms are available at the Clerk's Office as of September 13, 2010)
- an Election Official may request at any time to see the Appointment of Scrutineer form
- Before being admitted to a Voting location, a person appointed as a scrutineer shall:
  - produce and show the completed Appointment of Scrutineer form to the Poll Manager for the Voting location;
  - take the oral Oath of Secrecy from the Poll Manager before being permitted to remain in the Voting location; and
  - complete the sign in sheet upon entering the Voting location
- no more than one (1) scrutineer is permitted at each voting subdivision or ballot box/tabulator
- either a candidate or the candidate's scrutineer, but not both are permitted at a voting subdivision or at the ballot box/tabulator

#### BEFORE THE OPENING OF A VOTING LOCATION A SCRUTINEER OR CANDIDATE:

- is allowed to be present at the Voting location fifteen minutes before the opening of the Voting location
- may view, but not handle, the ballots and other voting related documents, so long as this inspection does not impede the opening of the Voting location
- has the right to place their own seal or a seal provided by the Town on the ballot box immediately before the opening of the Voting location (so that ballots can be deposited in the box but cannot be withdrawn without breaking the seal) and immediately after the close of each Advance Vote Day and Voting Day (so that ballots cannot be deposited or

withdrawn without breaking the seal). The seal MUST NOT contain any writing that could be considered “election campaigning”, the name of the candidate or anything that would identify the candidate. Where a candidate/scrutineer is using their own seal, it shall be shown to the Poll Manager for approval before being placed on the ballot box. The seal must be a self adhesive tape type.

### A SCRUTINEER OR CANDIDATE:

- may view the vote tabulator tape showing zero totals
- is allowed to observe the process of voting
- is able to listen to any conversation between the Election Officials and an elector
- may periodically examine the Voters’ List during the course of the day, however, this may not slow down or impede the voting process
- may object to a voter receiving a ballot on the grounds that the issuing of the ballot does not comply with prescribed rules
- may remain in the Voting location after 8:00 p.m. during the close of voting process provided they are in the Voting location prior to 8:00 p.m.
- may place a seal on the Ballot Box and Package A
- may sign an EL31 “Final Statement of Results” prepared by the Poll Manager and Tabulator Operator.
- **may not** speak to voters or interfere with the voting process
- **may not** obtain or attempt to obtain, any information about how a voter intends to vote or has voted
- **may not** serve as an interpreter or provide assistance to a voter
- **may not** erect, display or wear campaign materials (lawn signs, posters, pamphlets, buttons, clothing, etc.) anywhere on the Voting location property (inside or outside)
- **may not** use a cell phone, blackberry or other electronic device, in any capacity, in the Voting location

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