



## Running for Elected Office in Walpole

### **Candidates for Town Meeting Member:**

The elected term for Town Meeting Member is three (3) years, though should a resignation occur, there may be openings for one (1), or two (2) year periods.

### **Candidate for Re-Election as Town Meeting Member**

If you are an incumbent Town Meeting Member, in February of the year your term is due to expire in June, you will receive from the Town Clerk's office a letter or phone call asking if you'd like to be considered a candidate for re-election to Town Meeting for your precinct.

The candidate must sign and return an affirmation of intent to run to the Town Clerk's office *by the designated date at 5 p.m.* to be considered a candidate for re-election. If the date passes without return of the intent, the candidate would be considered a new candidate for Town Meeting and would be required to secure the 25 signatures on the nomination paper.

### **New Candidates for Town Meeting Member**

To be considered a new candidate for Town Meeting Member, you must be at least 18 years old and a registered voter of the Town of Walpole in the precinct you wish to represent.

Candidates for Town Meeting must secure the signatures of at least 25 registered voters *from the precinct* and return the signed nomination papers *by the designated date at 5:00 pm.* We recommend that more signatures are collected and submitted in the event that some signatures are invalid.

Nomination papers are available in February at the Town Clerk's office for the annual Town election in June, when Town Meeting members are elected. Before collecting signatures, the candidate must sign the nomination papers and fill in the office for which he/she will be a candidate.

### **Candidates for Town –Wide Office:**

To be considered a candidate for Town-Wide Office, you must be at least 18 years old and a registered voter of the Town of Walpole.

All candidates for Town-Wide Office must secure the signatures of at least 50 registered voters of the Town of Walpole and return the signed nomination papers *by the designated date at 5 p.m.* We recommend that more signatures are collected and submitted in the event that some signatures are invalid.

Nomination papers are available in February for pick-up at the Town Clerk's office for the annual June Town election, when town-wide officers are elected. Before collecting signatures, the candidate must sign the nomination papers and fill in the office for which he/she will be a candidate with the term of office.