

## **NOTICE TO POLL WATCHERS**

### **Poll Watcher Defined (Title 21-A §1.30-A)**

A poll watcher is a party worker who remains in the voting place outside the guardrail enclosure for the purpose of viewing the voting process, keeping track of the voters who have voted or challenging voters whose qualifications appear to be in question.

### **Minimum Requirement for Poll Watchers (Title 21-A §627.4, §681.4)**

Municipalities must provide a polling place large enough to allow at least one worker from each qualified political party to remain outside the guardrail as a poll watcher. If the Incoming Voting List at the voting place is divided into two or more segments and an Incoming Voting List is used for each voting district within the same voting place, a poll watcher from each party must be allowed at each segment of the list.

Additional party workers and others are allowed if there is sufficient space. If space is so limited that additional workers would interfere with the election process, the Warden must prohibit their presence.

### **Influence and Interference Prohibited (Title 21-1 §682.4)**

If any person attempt to influence voters or interfere with their free passage, the Warden may have the person removed from the voting place.

### **What the Town of Easton allows and expects**

The Town of Easton holds their elections at the Easton Town Office located at 3 Station Road in Easton. There will be two chairs designated for poll watchers near the Voter Registration Table. One chair will be for a democrat, and one for a Republican poll watcher. This means each party is allowed one poll watcher in our polling place. There is no table designated for poll watchers, so please have them bring a clipboard to use if needed.

Please do not ask for extra chairs for poll watchers from your political party because there is not enough room for anymore chairs than what will already be provided.

The incoming voting list clerks will repeat the name of the voter who checks in **only one time**. This election will be busy, and we want to make sure we keep the line moving quickly. The poll watchers are NOT permitted to ask the incoming voting list clerks to repeat the name a second time. Poll watchers are NOT permitted to speak to the voter to ask them to repeat their name.

It is up to the poll watchers to have good hearing and be paying attention. Please train your poll watchers before the election so the process with go smoothly.

Thank you for your cooperation. Cheryl Clark, Town Clerk