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Obtaining Annual Town Election Nomination Papers

Nomination papers may be obtained by visiting the Chilmark Town Clerk's office at Chilmark Town Hall, 401 Middle Road, Chilmark, MA 02535. Please see guidelines and suggestions below. Please contact the office if you have questions or require guidance.

<u>Deadline to submit nomination papers for signature certification to the Board</u> <u>of Registrars in the Town Clerk's office at 401 Middle Road, Chilmark:</u>

Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 5PM

Chilmark Annual Town Election: Wednesday, April 27, 2022,

polls open 12PM-8PM

All voter signatures are required to be "wet" and original. There is no provision for electronic or copied signatures.

Suggestions and Tips for Gathering Signatures during a pandemic:

- Candidates may make *exact copies* of nomination papers that have been issued to the candidate by the Town Clerk.
 Please be sure to make your copies *exact copies*: legal size (8.5"x14", double-sided, black & white print and with no extraneous marks)
- **Exact** copies of nomination papers may allow a candidate to supply a voter with their own nomination paper form to sign, if desired, in order for the collection of signatures to be conducted in a distanced and safe manner.
- A candidate may submit multiple copies of nomination papers with voter signatures in order to total the required number of certified signatures.
- During the pandemic, candidates may gather signatures by various distanced methods. Some suggestions are:
 - Candidate schedules individual appointments with voters via email or phone and meets each voter to have the voter sign the nomination paper.
 - Candidates makes it known that they will be stationed in a certain location in Town for a certain period of time and invites voters to drive or walk by. If this method is used, it is advisable to have at least one clipboard and multiple pens with a way to sanitize between use.