

Town of Ashland

Elections

In order to participate in local or state elections and meetings, you must be registered to vote. You may register to vote at the Town Clerk's Office or at the polls on an election (not meeting) day. You must be 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, and domiciled in the Town. You must present proof of age, I.D., domicile and citizenship.

If you are unable to produce any of these items, you may fill out an affidavit. You may register to vote immediately after establishing a domicile in the Town.

The Town of Ashland operates under a town meeting form of government and follows NH RSA 40:13, also known as SB2 for budgetary and monetary items. SB2 is an "Official Ballot" form of government that encompasses a two-part session. The first session held in January is a traditional town meeting with discussion of warrant articles only. Articles can be amended at this session; however, voting on these articles does not take place until the second session. The second session, held in March, is all day ballot voting on the articles as well as election of town officers.

The polls are open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for local elections and 8:00 am to 7:00 pm for state and federal elections and voting is held in the Ashland School Gymnasium.

Deliberative Session (first session of SB2) is held in the Ashland School Gymnasium at 27 Highland Street. The time of the meeting is posted with the warrant.

Voter Registration Sessions: Voter registration applications may be completed at the Town Clerk's office during our normal business hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Once completed, the application is forwarded to the Supervisors of the Checklist, who will need to accept the application before you are considered a registered voter.

In addition, the Supervisors of the Checklist hold posted sessions for voter registration.

Absentee Ballot Information:

New Hampshire law requires that you vote in person at the polling place for your town or ward unless you:

1. Plan to be absent on the day of the election from the city, town, or unincorporated place in which you are registered to vote.
2. Cannot appear in public on election day because of observance of a religious commitment.
3. Are unable to vote in person due to a disability.
4. Cannot appear at any time during polling hours at your polling place because an employment obligation requires you to remain physically at work or to be in transit to or from work from the time the polls open until after the time the polls close.

Absentee ballots can be requested up until 5:00 PM the day before the election. Ballots can be requested in person, through the mail, or by fax. Please allow sufficient mailing time if requesting through the mail or fax. Ballots must be returned either in person by the voter or through the mail. Ballots returned in person must be delivered by 5:00 PM the day before the election. Ballots can be accepted in the mail until 5:00 PM on election day. Requests for absentee ballot should be mailed to: Town Clerk, Attn: Absentee Ballots, PO Box 32, Ashland, NH 03217