**Obtaining Nomination Papers**

Nomination papers can be obtained by contacting the Dedham Town Clerk’s office (781-751-9200) and making an appointment Monday – Friday starting January 15, 2021.

Or, On the following dates the Town Clerks office will be open a first come first serve basis.

Saturday, January 23rd

Saturday, January 30th

Saturday, February 06th

To pick up nomination papers on Saturday, please call the Town Clerk Phone number upon arrival. We will take your name and phone number and call you into the office as office space permits.

With the new restrictions and difficulties arising because of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have outlined some guidelines and suggestions below to help candidates navigate the collection of signatures. Please contact our office at any time if you have any questions.

Obtaining signatures: What is not allowed?

* Electronic signatures. All signatures must be in ink
* Time Extensions. There are no extended deadlines approved by Massachusetts State for the obtaining of nomination signatures
* Reduction of Signatures. The number of signatures required remains the same.

Obtaining signatures: What is allowed?

* Multiple signature pages – candidates are not required to fill nomination pages with signatures. Each signer may have their own nomination paper form.

**Suggestions for Obtaining Signatures:**

* Candidates can set up a table at a post office (or other public place) but include fresh pens, gloves and sanitizer
* Some candidates are announcing the locations of supporters who have covered porches and letting people drop by to sign.  Candidates can set specific hours to sign so their nomination papers don't stay unsupervised for long hours
* Advertise designated signing areas/times through social media or mail