

UPDATED INFO ON 2021 ANNUAL FLETCHER TOWN & SCHOOL MEETING

At a duly warned School Board meeting held on December 15, 2020 and a duly warned Select Board meeting held on December 21, 2020, it was decided that, given the restrictions around public gatherings, capacity limits of meeting locations, and the uncertainty of when we may be able to gather together again in person, voting for this year's Annual Town & School Meeting will be conducted by Australian Ballot. This decision to change to Australian ballot is ONLY FOR 2021 due to the authority given to the boards by the VT Legislature's passing of Act 162 last fall. We will revert back to our normal floor-vote procedures in 2022.

Informational meetings will be held via Zoom as follows:

Town Informational Meeting: Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00pm

- **Join by smartphone/tablet/computer:** <http://bit.ly/fletchertowninfo2021>
- **Or join by telephone:** (646) 558-8656 • Webinar ID: 924 6249 7928 • Passcode: 439513
- For full instructions on how to join, go to the Town website (www.fletchervt.net)

School Informational Meeting: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 6:00pm

- **Join by smartphone/tablet/computer:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85485354699>
- **Or join by telephone:** (646) 558-8656 • Webinar ID: 854 8535 4699 • No Passcode Required
- For full instructions on how to join, go to the Fletcher School Board's website (www.fwsu.org/fes-board)

On Town Meeting Day, March 2, 2021, polls will be open from 8:00am to 7:00pm at the Fletcher Town Offices for registered voters to cast ballots on School budget, Town budget, and all vacant Town and School elected offices. (A listing of these offices is below.)

To reduce exposure of the Town staff and Election Officials to COVID, it would be helpful if voters utilized Absentee ballots. Absentee ballots can be requested by contacting the Town Clerk's Office by phone (802) 849-6616, by email town@fletchervt.net or by visiting "My Voter Page" at www.mvp.vermont.gov

Absentee ballots can be returned to our new green drop box just outside the main door at the Town Office, by mail, or at the polling place on Town Meeting Day. All ballots MUST be received by 7:00pm on March 2, 2021.

To run for a Town Office on the ballot, please return the Consent of Candidate form by Monday, January 25, 2021 by 5pm (for a copy of the Consent form, please see the Town website www.fletchervt.net). Act 162 waives the signature requirement for nominating petitions – only the Consent form is needed.

It should be noted that the above requirement for a Consent of Candidate form pertains to incumbents as well – names will NOT automatically be added to the ballot without a Consent form.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Office at (802) 849-6616 or town@fletchervt.net

For your information, these are the positions that will be up for election. (Incumbent in parentheses.)

Moderator – 1 year term (Barry Doolan)

Select Board – 3 year term (Matt Gillilan)

Select Board – 3 year term (Matt Swartz)

Select Board – remaining 1 year of a 3 year term (Jesse Wiens)

Lister – 3 year term (H. Carlton Ferguson)

1st Constable – 2 year term (Bill Stygles)

School Director – 2 year term (Aimee Cardinal)

School Director – 3 year term (Tara Sweet)