

Municipal Election - November 5, 2019

Eleven different races will be decided by the November 5, 2019 Municipal Election, including First Selectman, Board of Selectman, Board of Finance, Board of Education, Board of Assessment Appeals, Planning and Zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Town Moderator. On November 5th voters will have the opportunity to vote for twenty-four open seats and a two-sided ballot is needed to include all of these offices. In the past, the Board of Selectman race has caused some confusion. All five seats are open every two years but voters can only choose one candidate for First Selectman and two candidates from those running for the board.

Candidates for the November 5th, 2019 Municipal Ballot

First Selectman – One Opening 2 year term (Vote for One):

- B. Scott Kuhnly – Republican
- Glenn G. Ballard – Petitioning Candidate

Board of Selectman – Four Openings 2 year term (Vote for any Two):

- Sally S. King and James C. Lofink – Democrat
- Edward E. Ohannessian and Mark Neumann – Republican
- John Alexander Bazyk – Petitioning Candidate

Board Of Finance – Three Openings 4 year term (Vote for any Three):

- William Kennedy – Democrat
- Kelly O. Rome and Michael B. Guarco, Jr. – Republican

Board of Finance to Fill a Vacancy for Two Years – One Opening (Vote for One):

- James Tsaptsinos - Republican

Board Of Education – Four Openings 4 year term (Vote for any Four):

- Lynn Guelzow, Christine Peaslee, Monica Logan, and Jenny Emery - Democrat
- Rosemarie Weber, David Peling, and Mark Fiorentino - Republican

Board Of Assessment Appeals – One Opening 4 year term (Vote for One):

- Lowell C. Johnson – Republican

Planning and Zoning Commission – Four Openings 4 year term (Vote for any Four):

- Christine L. Chinni – Democrat
- Mark Lockwood, Brennan Sheahan, and Jonathan Boardman - Republican

Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate – One Opening 4 year term (Vote for One):

- Paula H. Johnson – Republican

Zoning Board Of Appeals – Three Openings 4 year term (Vote for any Three):

- Suzanne Yucha - Democrat
- Steve Muller and Ann Crimmins– Republican

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates – One Opening 4 year term (Vote for One):

- David Hennessey - Democrat

Town Moderator – One Opening 2 year term (Vote for One):

- John E. Adams - Republican

Registration Options:

The Seven Day In-Person Registration Deadline for the Municipal Election is Tuesday, October 29th.

The Granby Registrar of Voters will hold a special, last day all day, voter registration session from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. in their office at the Town Hall. Residents are encouraged to stop in or call to verify their voter registration. You can also check your voter registration online using the Secretary of State's website: www.sots.ct.gov

Same day voter registration has been passed in Connecticut. The State Legislature has changed our state statutes so that U.S. citizens who will be 18 years of age by November 5th can register to vote on Election Day. To implement this, unregistered voters will need to go to Town Hall on Election Day to register (not the town's polling site at the high school community gym). They must bring proof of identity and proof of residence to vote. If they are registered before 8 p.m., they will get to fill out a ballot and then place it in an envelope. If their ballot is uncontested at 8 p.m., it will then go to Granby's polling site at the high school where it will be counted separately from the official ballots and the absentee ballots. The Registrar of Voters strongly encourages everyone to register before Election Day, so you can directly place your ballot into the machine to be counted and avoid any potentially long lines at Town Hall. Unregistered voters in line at Town Hall at 8 p.m. will not be able to vote on Election Day. Voters need to be aware that voter registration is NON-transferable. If you moved from another town or another state, you need to fill out a new registration card with your current address in order to vote.

Online voter registration is available for new voters, or to make changes, 24 hours a day – 7 days a week at: voterregistration.ct.gov.

Voter Registration can be verified 24/7 at: www.dir.ct.gov/sots/lookup.aspx

Absentee Applications:

Absentee Ballot Applications are currently being collected by the Town Clerk for those who know they will be away from home on November 5th, or otherwise qualify for an absentee ballot. The application form is available at Town Hall or on the web at www.sots.ct.gov.

Important Dates and Deadlines:

- Friday, October 5: Absentee Ballots are available from the Town Clerk (for completed applications)
- Tuesday, October 8: New Poll Worker Meeting at 2:00 pm in the Granby Town Hall Meeting Room
- Wednesday, October 23: Supervised Absentee Balloting at Meadowbrook Nursing Home
- Tuesday, October 29: Seven Days before Election / Deadline to Postmark a Mail-In Registration
- Tuesday, October 29 : Seven Days before Election / Last Day to Register to vote in person
- Tuesday, October 29th - Voter Registration Session at Registrars' Office in Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 30: Filing of Certified Voter Registry List with the Town Clerk
- Wednesday, October 30: Public Testing of the Optical Scanner Voting Machines at 11 a.m. at Town Hall
- Monday, November 4: Last Day to Register in-person for brand new residents, military personnel, and those who have just turned 18 years of age. Special Office Hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Town Hall.
- Tuesday, November 5: Municipal Election at the Granby Memorial High School Community Gym. Polls open 6:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, November 5: Same Day – Election Day Registration and voting at the Registrar's Office at Town Hall only for those who are eligible and need to register before voting.

Questions?

Please feel free to contact the Registrars, Laura Wolfe and Sonja Smith, via phone at 860-844-5322 or e-mail: lwolfe@granby-ct.gov and ssmith@granby-ct.gov.