

Locally elected offices and the description thereof:

Moderator: The moderator is elected annually by Australian ballot to preside over all Representative Town Meetings for that year. The term of office is from the first Tuesday in March to the first Tuesday in March of the following year.

Lister: Lister's terms of office are for three years, one Lister being elected each year. The board of Listers, elected at large under the authority of the Brattleboro Town Charter, Article II, Section 2 (E), having no appraisal power, shall function as a Board of Appeals with the authority to hear and adjudicate all appeals by citizens disputing Office of Assessment appraisals, and perform other advisory and educational functions for the office of Assessment. While citizens may contact the office of Assessment at any time to discuss their assessed value, the appeal to the board of Listers has a specific window of opportunity that being the 2 weeks following the date the abstract Grand List is lodged. That date changes each year but will always be after April 1st and before the end of June.

Selectboard: The powers and responsibilities of the Selectboard are extensive and can be found in Article IV of the Town Charter. Newly elected Selectboard members take office on the first Monday following the final adjournment of representative town meeting.

Constables: Two constables are elected annually. In Brattleboro their primary duty is the service of civil process. They may also be asked to work during an election, but their presence on Election Day is not required by law.

Trustee of Public Funds: The term of office for a Trustee of Public Funds is three years, with one trustee elected each year by Australian ballot. The trustees of public funds manage and invest all funds held by the town in trust for various purposes and the income is expended for the particular purpose specified by each donor.

School Directors: The powers and responsibilities of the school directors can be found in Article VI of the Town Charter. Depending on the outcome of the Act 46 vote in 2017, these powers and responsibilities may change or be abolished. Newly elected School Directors take office on the first Monday following the final adjournment of representative town meeting.

BUHS Director: Directors to the Union High School board are elected annual from the district towns. Each town is represented proportionally. As with the School Directors above, the outcome of Act 46 may change the role of the BUHS Directors.

Representative Town Meeting Members: Brattleboro has a unique form of Town Meeting voted into place in 1959. For specifics about Representative Town Meeting and the responsibilities of the members see Brattleboro Town Charter, Article II, Section 4 and Addendum A.

These offices are all elected on the first Tuesday in March. In a Presidential Election year the Primary for the office of President of the United States is held on the same date. The Presidential Primary is considered a separate Election and in order to be binding the voter must declare which party's primary they wish to vote in. Vermont does not require voters to register with a party when registering to vote and voting in a Presidential Primary does not make the voter a member of any party.