

## HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

From the Supervisors of the Checklist

As you know, the Presidential Primary is every four years and a State Primary every two years. There seems to be some confusion about how the process works.

Primary Elections are the only elections where the voter has to declare a political party. If you are a registered Republican or Democrat, to vote you will need to take the appropriate ballot. If you are registered as Undeclared, to vote you must declare a party and take either a Republican or Democrat ballot.

Here the important part in declaring a party is that, **if you want to remain Undeclared**, you must see the Supervisors immediately after voting. The Supervisors will have you sign the *Return to Undeclared* book. This book lists the names of all the registered undeclared voters including those new voters registered on Election Day. The header at the top of all pages in the *Return to Undeclared* book reads **“I hereby request that my political party be changed from Party Choice to Undeclared.” signed under the pains and penalties of perjury. (RSA 654:34)** You will be required to write down how you voted in the Primary Election and sign your name. These actions will return you to your previous Undeclared status.

If you are an Undeclared registered voter and you take either a Republican or Democrat ballot and **DON'T STOP AND SEE** the Supervisors immediately after voting to change back to Undeclared status, **you will no longer be an Undeclared voter**. The party ballot you selected for voting will be recorded and posted on the *Official Voter Checklist* as your party of choice **This is how someone who was previously registered Undeclared now sees their name on the checklist as either a Republican or a Democrat.**

If you are uncertain about your current status, you can view the *Official Voter Checklist* which is available in the Town Clerk's Office. The Checklist is also posted on the Town's web site: <http://brentwood.town-center.org/>

Please note that the information noted on the Checklist **is all public information**: voter number, voter name, resident and mailing addresses and party declaration (RSA 654.31). However, the database in which other voter information is recorded is private and confidential and **is not** public information.

The State Primary Election will be September 9, 2014. Thus if you want to change your political party, **you must do so by June 3, 2014. That is the last day** for voters already registered to change or declare a party affiliation until after the State Primary. (RSA 654.34) Party changes can be made at the Town Clerk's office during normal working hours or with the Supervisors when they are in session. Session dates are posted at the Town Office and on the Town's web page. No party changes, other than return to Undeclared, can be accepted on Primary Election Day