

Town of Cabot

Policy on Politicking at the Polling Place

Vermont law prohibits politicking within the building containing the polling place. 17 VSA §2508

- Voters must remove campaign buttons, hats, and other paraphernalia before coming in to vote. Coats should be kept on if a person is wearing a campaign shirt.
- All conversations about candidates should be kept outside of the polling place.
- Individual voters may bring in brochures and written campaign materials for their own use, but these may not be shown to others or left in the voting booth or polling place.
- Exit polling is considered politicking and must remain outside of the polling place.

Vermont law permits the presiding officer to designate an area outside of the polling place where candidates, supporters and pollsters can stand, offer information, conduct polls, and/or hold signs.

- **The voter's progress into and out of the polling place may not be blocked.**
- Candidates, supporters and pollsters must stand on the grass, between the front of the building and the driveway accessing the gym parking lot.
- Candidates and campaigns may leave two unattended signs outside the polling place to be retrieved at the end of the polling day.