

## **Policy on Collecting Signatures for Nomination Papers and Petitions at the Library**

The Shutesbury Public Library supports a welcoming and respectful environment for all patrons. To maintain this atmosphere, the following guidelines govern the collection of signatures for nomination papers and petitions on library premises.

### General Policy

#### Permitted Activities:

- Individuals may collect signatures for nomination papers or petitions on library property, provided the activity is conducted in a polite and respectful manner that does not disrupt library operations, obstruct access to the building, or interfere with patrons' use of the library.

#### Restrictions:

- No Unattended Materials: Nomination papers or petitions may not be left unattended anywhere on library premises.
- Staff Involvement: Library staff are not responsible for managing or overseeing the collection of signatures, and such materials cannot be left with staff for patrons to sign.

#### Enforcement:

- The Library Director or staff may intervene if signature collection activities disrupt library services or violate this policy. Individuals who do not comply will be asked to cease their activities or leave the premises.

#### Review and Revisions

This policy will be reviewed periodically by the Library Trustees and may be updated as necessary to ensure it continues to meet the needs of the library and community.

Approved by the Shutesbury Public Library Trustees on December 16, 2024.