## What is a Ballot Clerk?

Also known as Inspectors of the Election, according to the NH Election Procedure Manual, the Ballot Clerks are on the front lines of our democracy here in Loudon. Without trained and qualified Ballot Clerks, elections simply could not happen – so be sure to thank them next time you're at the polls!

Ballot Clerks must be active voters in town, and each takes an oath of office swearing to perform their assigned duties faithfully and impartially, like all your town election officials. Ballot Clerks confirm the identification of each voter and hand out individual ballots. And please don't take umbrage when they ask you to state your name and address, RSA 659:13 requires that each voter "announce his or her name and address to one of the ballot clerks". Each voter check—in position has two clerks stationed, to ensure that each voter is accurately identified and given a single official ballot.

We're looking to add civically-minded individuals to our roster of qualified clerks for Loudon's elections this year, so if this is something you'd like to try, we could certainly use your help! Email the Supervisors of the Checklist - <a href="mailto:lgordonsoc@loudonnh.org">lgordonsoc@loudonnh.org</a>.