

**TOWN OF NATICK
POLITICAL CALENDAR
2021**

The Town Clerk shall not furnish blank forms for nomination of candidates for town office to any person other than a candidate seeking such nomination or a person presenting the signed authorization of a candidate to secure said forms on his behalf. (*G.L. c. 53, §17*)

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| Tuesday, December 1, 2020 | Nomination papers will be available for all Town wide positions and for Town Meeting from the Town Clerk's office for the 2021 Annual Town Election. |
| Tuesday, January 12, 2021 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit nomination papers for town-wide offices with the Registrars of Voters. Minimum of 25 signatures - 49 days before preliminary election date and 14 days preceding date on which they are to be filed with Town Clerk. (<i>Town Charter Article 3 Section 3-1 (d) (4) and G.L. c. 53, §61</i>) |
| Wednesday, January 20, 2021 | Close of business. Year-End Campaign Finance Reports due (reporting period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020) |
| Tuesday, January 26, 2021 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to file certified nomination papers for Town-wide office candidates with the Town Clerk (35 th day preceding the date of Preliminary Town Election). (<i>G.L. c. 53, §10, Town Charter Article, Section 3-1 (d) (4)</i>) |
| Thursday, January 28, 2021 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour for filing withdrawal of, or objections to, nomination papers for Preliminary Town election with Town Clerk. Must be in writing and notarized. (<i>G.L. c. 55B, §7</i>) |
| Tuesday, February 2, 2021 | 5:00 PM. Last day and hour for Incumbent Town Meeting Members to give written notice to Town Clerk for re-election at the Annual Town Election. (21 days before filing date of New Town Meeting Members with Town Clerk) (<i>G.L. c. 53, §10</i>) |

- Tuesday, February 9, 2021 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit nomination papers for **NEW Town Meeting Members** with the Registrars of Voters for certification. There must be a minimum of 10 signatures from voters in the candidate's precinct, submitted 49 days before the Annual Town Election, 14 days before filing with Town Clerk. (*Town Charter Article 2 Section 2-4b and G.L. c. 53, §7*)
- Last day to send absentee ballot applications to all certified permanently disabled voters. (*G.L. c. 54 §86*)
- Wednesday, February 10, 2021 8:00 PM. Last day and hour to register new voters for the Preliminary Election (if required) (*G.L. c. 51, §§ 26, 28*). The Town Clerk's office will remain open until 8:00 PM.
- Thursday, February 11, 2021 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit Articles for the Spring Annual Town Meeting. (*Town Charter Article 2, Section 11(c)*)
- Monday, February 22, 2021 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit Preliminary Campaign Finance reports for Preliminary candidates only. Report all activity up until February 12, 2021. **This is only required if there is a Preliminary Town Election.**
- Tuesday, February 23, 2021 5:00 PM. Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to file certified nomination papers for **New Town Meeting Members** with Town Clerk, 35th day preceding date of Town Election. (*G. L. c. 53, §10, G.L. c. 50, §4*)
- 5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit Ballot Questions to the Town Clerk to be placed on the Annual Town Election. (*G.L. c. 54, §42C*)
- Thursday, February 25, 2021 5:00 PM. Last day and hour for filing withdrawals of and/or objections to New Town Meeting Members nomination papers for the Annual Town Election with Town. (*G. L. c. 53, §§11, 13*)
- Monday, March 1, 2021 12:00 PM. Last day and hour to file an absentee ballot request for a preliminary town election if required.
- Tuesday, March 2, 2021 Preliminary Election for any town wide offices if necessary. Polls will be open from 7AM-8PM **if required.**

Wednesday, March 10, 2021	8:00 PM. Last day and hour to register new voters for the Annual Town Election (<i>G.L. c. 51, §§ 26, 28</i>). The Town Clerk's office will remain open until 8:00 PM.
Monday, March 22, 2021	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit pre-election Campaign Finance Reports due for Annual Town Election Candidates with complete reporting through March 12, 2021.
Monday, March 29, 2021	12:00 PM. Last day and hour to file an absentee ballot request for the Annual Town Election.
Tuesday, March 30, 2021	Annual Town Election – Polls open from 7 AM to 8 PM
Tuesday, April 13, 2021	Spring Annual Town Meeting 7:30 PM. Natick High School Auditorium. (<i>Town Charter Article 2, Section 12(a) and Town By-Laws Article 1, Section 1</i>)
Thursday, April 15, 2021	Last day to notify party chairs to submit a list of prospective election officers. (<i>G.L. c. 54, §12</i>)
Thursday, April 29, 2021	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit post-election Campaign Finance reports for Annual Town Election Candidates with complete reporting through April 19, 2021.
Thursday, August 19, 2021	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit Articles for the Fall Annual Town Meeting. (<i>Town Charter Article 2, Section 2-11(c)</i>)
Tuesday, October 19, 2021	Fall Annual Town Meeting 7:30 PM, Natick High School Auditorium. (<i>Town Charter Article 2, Section 12(a) and Town By-Laws Article 1, section1</i>).
Wednesday, December 1, 2021	Nomination papers will be available for all Town-wide positions and for Town Meeting from the Town Clerk's office for the 2022 Annual Town Election.