

## **TOWN OF NATICK POLITICAL CALENDAR 2023-2024**

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*)

Wednesday, Sept 6, 2023	First day for 10 original signers to file initiative petitions with the SOC. Amend. Art. LXXIV
Wednesday, Sept 20, 2023	Initiative petition forms available from the SOC for those who filed on September 6 for collection of certified signers. G. L. c. 53, §22A
Tuesday, Sept 26, 2023	Nomination papers available from SOC for presidential candidates in the presidential primary. G. L. c. 53, §47
Saturday, October 1, 2023	Last day for state committees to file delegate selection plans for National Conventions with the SOC. G. L. c. 53, §70B
Tuesday, October 17, 2023	<b>Fall Annual Town Meeting</b> 7:30 PM Natick High School. ( <i>Town Charter Article 2, Section 12(a) and Town By-Laws Article 1, section 1</i> )
Monday, November 6, 2023	Last day for the city council or board of selectmen to vote to adopt new voting equipment for the presidential primary. G. L. c. 54, §34
Friday, November 10, 2023	5:00 p.m. last day and hour to submit ward, town, and state committee nomination papers to local Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures. G. L. c. 53, §46
Wednesday, November 15, 2023	5:00 p.m. last day and hour for Alderman and Selectmen to notify SOC of their intention to group precincts for the presidential primary. G. L. c. 53, §70C
Friday, November 17, 2023	5:00 p.m. last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures on nomination papers for ward, town, and state committees. G. L. c. 53, §46

Tuesday, November 21, 2023	5:00 p.m. last day and hour to file ward, town, and state committee nomination papers with the SOC. .G. L. c. 53, §48
Wednesday, November 22, 2023	5:00 p.m. last day and hour to file initiative petitions for certification of signatures with Registrars of Voters. G. L. c. 53, §7
Friday, November 24, 2023	5:00 p.m. last day and hour to file withdrawal of or objections to ward, town, and state committee nomination papers. G. L. c. 53, §11;G. L. c. 53, §13;G. L. c. 55B,§5
Monday, December 4, 2023	First day SBLC may hear objections to nomination papers of candidates for ward, town, and state committees. G. L. c. 53, §7
Monday, December 4, 2023	First day SBLC may hear objections to nomination papers of candidates for ward, town, and state committees. G. L. c. 55B, §9
Wednesday, December 6, 2023	5:00 p.m. last day and hour to file initiative petitions with the SOC. Amend. Art. LXXIV
Friday, December 15, 2023	5:00 p.m. last day and hour for SBLC to render decisions on objections to nomination papers of candidates for ward, town, and state committees. G. L. c. 55B, §10
Friday, December 22, 2023	5:00 p.m. last day and hour to submit presidential nomination papers to local Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures. G. L. c. 53, §46
Friday, December 29, 2023	5:00 p.m. last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures on nomination papers for presidential candidates. G. L. c. 53, §46

- Tuesday, January 9, 2024 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. (*Town Charter Article 3 Section 3-1 (d) (4) and G.L. c. 53, §61*)
- Monday, January 22, 2024 Close of business. Year-End Campaign Finance Reports due (reporting period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022)
- Tuesday, January 23, 2024 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<sup>th</sup> day preceding the date of Preliminary Town Election). (*G.L. c. 53, §10, Town Charter Article, Section 3-1 (d) (4)*)
- Thursday, January 25, 2024 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.** (*G.L. c. 55B, §7*)
- Friday, January 26, 2024 Last day for the city council or board of selectmen to vote to adopt new voting equipment for the Annual Town Election. G. L. c. 54, §34
- Tuesday, January 16, 2024 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) (*G.L. c. 53, §10*)
- Tuesday, February 6, 2024 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 the Town Clerk. (*Town Charter Article 2 Section 2-4b and G.L. c. 53, §7*)
- Tuesday, January 30, 2024 Last day to send absentee ballot applications to all certified permanently disabled voters. (*G.L. c. 54 §86*)

Saturday, February 17, 2024	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to register new voters for the Preliminary Election (if required) ( <i>G.L. c. 51, §§ 26, 28</i> ).
Tuesday, February 20, 2024	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit Preliminary Campaign Finance reports for Preliminary candidates only. Report all activity up until February 11, 2022. <b>This is only required if there is a Preliminary Town Election.</b>
Tuesday, February 20, 2024	5:00 PM. Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to file certified nomination papers for <b>New Town Meeting Members</b> with Town Clerk, 35 <sup>th</sup> day preceding date of Town Election. ( <i>G. L. c. 53, §10, G.L. c. 50, §4</i> )
	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit Ballot Questions to the Town Clerk to be placed on the Annual Town Election. ( <i>G.L. c. 54, §42C</i> )
	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to receive an absentee or early vote by mail application for the Preliminary Election <b>if necessary</b> .
Thursday, February 22, 2024	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit Articles for the Spring Annual Town Meeting. ( <i>Town Charter Article 2, Section 11(c)</i> )
	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. ( <i>G. L. c.53, §§11, 13</i> )
Monday, February 26, 2024	12:00 PM. Last day and hour to file an in-person absentee ballot application for the preliminary town election if required.
<b>Tuesday, February 27, 2024</b>	<b>Preliminary Election for any town wide offices if necessary. Polls will be open from 7AM-8PM if required.</b>
Saturday, March 16, 2024	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to register new voters for the Annual Town Election ( <i>G.L. c. 51, §§ 26, 28</i> ).

Tuesday, March 19, 2024	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to receive an absentee or early vote by mail application for the Annual Town Election.
Monday, March 18, 2024	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 11, 2022.
Monday, March 25, 2024	12:00 PM. Last day and hour to file an in-person absentee ballot application for the Annual Town Election.
Tuesday, March 26, 2024	<b>Annual Town Election – Polls open from 7 AM to 8 PM</b>
Tuesday, April 23, 2024	<b>Spring Annual Town Meeting</b> 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 25, 2024	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit post-election Campaign Finance reports for Annual Town Election Candidates with complete reporting through April 18, 2022.
Thursday, August 15, 2024	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 15, 2024	<b>Fall Annual Town Meeting</b> 7:30 PM, Natick High School Auditorium. <i>(Town Charter Article 2, Section 12(a) and Town By-Laws Article 1, section1).</i>
Thursday, August 15, 2024	Nomination papers will be available for all Town-wide positions and for Town Meeting from the Town Clerk’s office for the 2025, Annual Town Election.