

**TOWN OF NATICK
POLITICAL CALENDAR
AUGUST 2019 – 2020**

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*)

Thursday, August 1, 2019	Last day for ward and town committees to notify the SOC of number to be elected to each town committee. (<i>G.L. c. 52 §9</i>)
Tuesday, August 6, 2019	Nomination papers available from the SOC for ward, town and state committee. (<i>G.L. c. 53 §47</i>)
Wednesday, August 7, 2019	Last day to submit initiative petitions to Attorney General by 10 original signers.
Thursday, August 15, 2019	5:00 PM. Last day and hour for submitting Articles for the Fall Annual Town Meeting. (<i>Town Charter Article 2, Section 11(c)</i>)
Tuesday, August 20, 2019	Last day for a candidate running for ward, town or state committee to enroll in a party. (<i>G.L. c. 53 §48</i>)
Wednesday, September 4, 2019	First day for 10 original signers to file initiative petitions with the SOC.
Wednesday, September 18, 2019	Initiative petition forms are available from the SOC for those who filed on September 4 for collection of certified signers. (<i>G.L. c. 53 §22A</i>)
Tuesday, September 24, 2019	Nomination papers available from SOC for presidential candidates in presidential primary. (<i>G.L. c. 53 §47</i>)
Tuesday, October 1, 2019	Last day for state committees to file delegate selection plans for National Conventions with the SOC. (<i>G.L. c. 53 §70B</i>)
Tuesday, October 15, 2019	Fall Annual Town Meeting 7:30 PM. Wilson Middle School. (<i>Town Charter Article 2, Section 12(a) and Town By-Laws Article 1, section 1</i>)

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Monday, November 4, 2019	Last day to notify the SOC of change of or adoption of new voting equipment for the presidential primary. (<i>G.L. c. 54 §34</i>).
Friday, November 8, 2019	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit ward, town and state committee nomination papers to the Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §46</i>)
Friday, November 15, 2019	5:00 PM. Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures on nomination papers for ward, town and state committees. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §46</i>)
Tuesday, November 19, 2019	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to file ward, town and state committee nomination papers with the Office of the SOC Elections Division. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §48</i>)
Wednesday, November 20, 2019	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to file initiative petitions for certification of signatures with Registrars of Voters. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §7</i>)
Friday, November 22, 2019	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to file withdrawals or objections to ward, town and state committee nomination papers. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §11 & 13 and GL c 55B, §5</i>)
Monday, December 2, 2019	Nomination papers will be available for all Town wide positions and for Town Meeting from the Town Clerk's office for the 2020 Annual Town Election. 5:00 PM Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures on initiative petitions (<i>G.L. c. 53, §7</i>)
Wednesday, December 4, 2019	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to file initiative petitions with the SOC, Elections Division
Friday, December 20, 2019	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit presidential nomination papers to the Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §46</i>)
Friday, December 27, 2019	5:00 PM. Last day and hour for the Board of Registrars to complete certification of signatures on nomination papers for presidential candidates. (<i>G.L. c. 53 §46</i>)

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Thursday, January 2, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete review of non-certified signatures for presidential candidates. (<i>G.L. c. 55, §6</i>)
Friday, January 3, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to file presidential candidates nomination papers with the SOC. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §48</i>)
Friday, January 10, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour for presidential candidates to notify the SOC to remove their names from the presidential primary ballot. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §70E</i>).
Tuesday, January 14, 2020	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>)
Tuesday, January 21, 2020	Close of business. Year-End Campaign Finance Reports due (reporting period April 16, 2019 through December 31, 2019)
Tuesday, January 28, 2020	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 30, 2020	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 4, 2020	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>) Last day to designate health care facilities for supervised absentee voting (<i>G.L. c. 54 §91B</i>) Last day to send absentee ballot applications to all certified permanently disabled voters. (<i>G.L. c. 54 §86</i>)

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

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*)

Nomination papers available from the SOC's office for candidates running for all offices. (*G.L. c. 53, §47*).

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

8:00 PM. Last day and hour to register new voters or to change party affiliation for the Presidential Primary (if required) (*G.L. c. 51, §§ 26, 28*). The Town Clerk's office will remain open until 8:00 PM.

Thursday, February 13, 2020

5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit Articles for the Spring Annual Town Meeting. (*Town Charter Article 2, Section 11(c)*)

Monday-Friday
February 24-28, 2020

EARLY VOTING—PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Located at Town Hall, 13 East Central St.

Monday-Wednesday: 8AM-5PM; Thursday: 8AM-7PM;
Friday: 8AM-4PM.

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

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*)

5:00 PM. Last day and hour for a person running in a state primary to enroll or unenroll in a party (except for newly registered voters) for all district and county offices. (*G.L. c. 53, §48*)

Thursday, February 27, 2020

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*)

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Monday, March 2, 2020	12:00 PM. Last day and hour to file an absentee ballot request for the Presidential primary.
Tuesday, March 3, 2020	Presidential Primary. Polls will be open from 7AM-8PM. 5:00 PM. Last day and hour for a person running in a state primary to enroll or to unenroll in a party (except for newly registered voters) for federal and state-wide offices. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §48; G.L. c. 53, §48</i>)
Wednesday, March 11, 2020	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 23, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit pre-election Campaign Finance Reports due for Annual Town Election Candidates. Report all activity from January 1, 2020 through March 13, 2020.
Monday, March 30, 2020	12:00 PM. Last day and hour to file an absentee ballot request for the Annual Town Election.
Tuesday, March 31, 2020	Annual Town Election – Polls open from 7 AM to 8 PM
Tuesday, April 14, 2020	Spring Annual Town Meeting 7:30 PM, Wilson Middle School Auditorium. (<i>Town Charter Article 2, Section 12(a) and Town By-Laws Article 1, Section 1</i>).
Wednesday, April 15, 2020	Last day to notify party chairs to submit a list of prospective election officers. (<i>G.L. c. 54, §12</i>)
Tuesday, April 28, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit nomination papers to the Board of Registrars for certification of signatures for all district and county offices. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §§ 7, 46</i>)
Thursday, April 30, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit post-election Campaign Finance reports for Annual Town Election Candidates. Report all activity from March 14, 2020 through April 20, 2020.

Tuesday, May 5, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour for party candidates for federal and state-wide offices to submit nomination papers to local Registrars of Voters for signatures. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §§ 7, 46</i>)
Wednesday, May 6, 2020	First day for filers to request initiative petitions for additional signatures from the SOC's office.
Monday, May 18, 2020	Last day for the Board of Selectmen to vote to change or adopt new voting equipment for the State Primary. (<i>G.L. c. 54, §34</i>)
Tuesday, May 19, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour for Board of Registrars to complete certification of signatures on nomination papers for all candidates for district and county offices. (<i>G.L. c. 53, § 7</i>)
Tuesday, May 26, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to file nominations papers with the Secretary of the Commonwealth for all party and non-party candidates for district and county offices. (<i>G.L. c. 53, § 7</i>) 5:00 PM. Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures on nomination papers for party candidates for federal and state-wide offices. (<i>G.L. c. 53, § 7</i>)
Friday, May 29, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to file withdrawals or objections to party nomination papers for all district and county offices. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §13, 25, 53A and c. 55 B, §5</i>)
Tuesday, June 2, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to file party nomination papers with the SOC for federal and state-wide offices. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §48</i>)
Friday, June 5, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to file withdrawals or objections to party nomination papers for federal and state-wide offices. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §13, 25, 53A and c. 55 B, §5</i>)
Wednesday, June 17, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit additional initiative petitions for certification of signatures to Registrars of Voters. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §7</i>)
Monday, June 29, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour for Board of Registrars to complete certification of signatures on additional initiative petitions. (<i>G.L. c. 53, §7</i>)

Wednesday, July 1, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to file additional initiative petitions with SOC.
Wednesday, July 8, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit public policy petitions to Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures. (G.L. c. 53, §20)
Tuesday, July 28, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit nomination papers to the Board of Registrars for certification of signatures for non-party candidates for federal and state-wide offices. (G.L. c. 53, §§ 7, 46)
Wednesday, July 29, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures on public policy petitions. (G.L. c. 53, §7)
Wednesday, August 5, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to notify the SOC of any Proposition 2½ override petitions to be placed on the state ballot; and to file public policy petitions with the SOC. (G.L. c. 59, §21C)
Wednesday, August 12, 2020	Last day to register to vote or change party affiliation for the State Primary. Town Clerk's office will be open until 8 PM. (G.L. c. 51, §26, 28)
Tuesday, August 18, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures on nomination papers for non-party candidates for federal and state-wide offices. (G.L. c. 53, § 7)
Thursday, August 20, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to submit Articles for the Fall Annual Town Meeting. (Town Charter Article 2, Section 11(c))
Tuesday, August 25, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to file nominations papers with the Secretary of the Commonwealth for non-party candidates for federal and state-wide offices. (G.L. c. 53, § 7)
Friday, August 28, 2020	5:00 PM. Last day and hour to file withdrawals or objections to nomination papers for non-party candidates for federal and state-wide offices. (G.L. c. 53, §13, 25, 53A and c. 55 B, §5)
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Wednesday, October 14, 2020	Last day to register to vote for the State election. Town Clerk's office will be open until 8 PM. (<i>G.L. c. 51, §26, 28</i>)
Tuesday, October 20, 2020	Fall Annual Town Meeting 7:30 PM, Wilson Middle School Auditorium. (<i>Town Charter Article 2, Section 12(a) and Town By-Laws Article 1, section1</i>).
Tuesday, November 3, 2020	State Election (Presidential Election) Polls will be open from 7AM-8PM
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.