



Important Dates for Local Officials 2026 TRADITIONAL MARCH TOWN MEETING CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2025

Monday, November 10, 2025

First day to accept petitions to amend zoning ordinance, historic district ordinance or building code for consideration at the 2026 town meeting. [RSA 675:4-120 days prior to town meeting]

DECEMBER 2025

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Last day to accept petitions to amend zoning ordinance, historic district ordinance or building code for consideration at the 2026 town meeting. [RSA 675:4- 90 days before town meeting]

JANUARY 2026

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Last day to post and publish notice for first hearing on proposed adoption or amendment of zoning ordinance, historic district ordinance or building code if a second hearing is anticipated. [RSA 675:3; 675:7 – 10 calendar days before January 15]

Friday, January 9, 2026

Last day for voters to present application to select board to call special town meeting prior to 2026 annual meeting. Number of petitioners required depends on size of town. [RSA 39:3 – 60 days before town meeting]

Friday, January 9, 2026

First day to hold public hearing on bond or note issue over \$100,000. Notice of time, place and subject of hearing must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality at least 7 days before hearing. [RSA 33:8-a, I – not more than 60 days before town meeting]

Friday, January 9, 2026

Last day for governing body to vote to extend polling hours at 3/10/26 elections. [RSA 659:4-a, IV- extension of polling hours may not go into effect sooner than 60 days after its adoption]

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Last day to publish notice for January 20 session for checklist correction. [RSA 654:27; RSA 669:5 – notice posted in 2 appropriate places, one of which shall be the town's Internet website, if such exists, or shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least 7 days prior to the session]



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Thursday, January 15, 2026

Last day to hold first public hearing on adoption or amendment of zoning ordinance, historic district ordinance or building code if a second public hearing is anticipated. [RSA 675:3 – 14 days prior to last date to hold public hearing on zoning/building/historic district ordinance amendment/adoption on February 2]

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Supervisors must hold session for correction of the checklist from 7pm to 7:30pm. Change in party registrations may be accepted. [RSA 669:5 – session for checklist correction must be held on the day immediately prior to the filing period for candidates on January 21]

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

First day for candidates in towns with non-partisan official ballot system to file declarations of candidacy with town clerk. [RSA 669:19; 652:20 – seventh Wednesday before town meeting]

Thursday, January 22, 2026

Last day to post and publish notice of final planning board public hearing on proposed adoption or amendment to zoning ordinance, historic district ordinance or building code. [RSA 675:3; 675:7 – 10 calendar days before February 2]

Friday, January 30, 2026

Last day for filing declarations of candidacy with town clerk in towns with non-partisan official ballot system. Town clerk's office must be open at least from 3 to 5 p.m. [RSA 669:19; 652:20 – the Friday next following the first day for candidates to file declarations of candidacy on January 21]

Friday, January 30, 2026

Last day for party caucus to nominate candidate for town office in towns using partisan system. [RSA 669:39- sixth Friday before town meeting]

FEBRUARY 2026

Monday, February 2, 2026

Last day for planning board to hold final public hearing on adoption or amendment of zoning ordinance, historic district ordinance or building code. Planning board must also determine final form. [RSA 675:3 – one day before deadline for delivery of final zoning/building/historic ordinance ballot proposals to town clerk on February 3]



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Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Last day for official copy of final proposal to adopt or amend zoning ordinance, historic district ordinance or building code to be placed on file at the town clerk's office. [RSA 675:3, V-fifth Tuesday before town meeting]

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Last day to finalize collective bargaining agreement "cost items" for submission to annual meeting. [RSA 273-A:1, IV; 32:5-a; 32:19-a – fifth Tuesday before town meeting]

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Last day for 25 or more voters or 2% of the total, whichever is less, but in no case fewer than 10 voters, to petition select board to include an article in the warrant. [RSA 39:3 – fifth Tuesday before town meeting]

Friday, February 6, 2026

Last day for giving notice of February 13th public hearing on annual budget. [RSA 32:5, I – 7 days before budget hearing]

Friday, February 13, 2026

Last day to hold at least one public hearing on annual budget (can hold supplemental public hearings after 2/13 provided the first public hearing is on or before 2/13). [RSA 32:5, I & V – 25 days before town meeting]

Monday, February 16, 2026

Last day for select board to publish notice of time, place and subject of public hearing on bond/note issue over \$100,000. [RSA 33:8-a, I -7 days before February 23]

Monday, February 16, 2026

Last day to post and publish notice of hearing on question of establishing a special revenue fund. [RSA 31:95-d, I(b) – 7 days before February 23]

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

In budget committee towns, last day for budget committee to submit 2 copies of annual budget to select board for them to post with warrant. [RSA 32:16, IV- at least 20 days before the town meeting]

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Last day to post and publish notice of the day, hour and place of February 28 session to correct the checklist. Notice must be posted in 2 appropriate places, one of which shall be the town's Internet website, if such exists, or shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least 7 days prior to the session. [RSA 669:5; 654:27-:28]



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Monday, February 23, 2026

A public hearing must be held on the establishment of a special revenue fund at least 15 but not more than 30 days before the question is voted on. If the business session of the meeting is held on the same date as the official ballot voting day, March 10, then this is the last day for that hearing. If the governing body has chosen another day for the business session, this public hearing must be held at least 15 days before the date chosen for the business session. [RSA 31:95-d, I(b)]

Monday, February 23, 2026

Last day to hold public hearing on bond or note issue over \$100,000. Notice of time, place and subject of hearing must be published at least 7 days before hearing. [RSA 33:8-a, I – at least 15 days before town meeting]

Monday, February 23, 2026

A public hearing must be held by the local governing body on the adoption of SB2 at least 15 days, but not more than 30 days, before the question is to be voted on. Under RSA 40:14, III, the question on the adoption of SB2 must be voted on at the business session and cannot be placed on the official ballot. If the business session of the meeting is held on the same date as the official ballot voting day, March 10, then this is the last day for that hearing. If the governing body has chosen another day for the business session, this public hearing must be held at least 15 days before the date chosen for the business session.

Monday, February 23, 2026

Last day for select board to post warrant and budget at all polling places and at clerk's office or town hall. Warrant shall state place, day and hour of election, hours polls are open, and which items are to be voted on by ballot. [RSA 39:5; 31:95; 669:2 – 14 clear days before town meeting]

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Last day to notify affected landowners if town meeting warrant contains an article to discontinue a highway. [RSA 231:43, II – 14 days prior to town meeting]

Saturday, February 28, 2026

Last day for town clerk to accept voter registration applications for town meeting day (Voters may register on election day for all town elections). [RSA 654:8; RSA 654:27; 669:5, deadline for town clerk to accept voter registration is the same date as the date for the last checklist session correction - the Saturday no less than 6 and no more than 13 days before town meeting]



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Saturday, February 28, 2026

Supervisors to hold session for correction of checklist prior to annual meeting for no fewer than 30 minutes. No corrections or additions may be made after this session until election day, except as provided in RSA 659:12. [RSA 654:27; 654:28; 669:5]

Saturday, February 28, 2026

Reports of transfer, reports of death and removal of names are acted upon by supervisors of the checklist. [RSA 654:27; RSA 654:36-:37; RSA 654:44]

MARCH 2026

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Annual town report with budget must be available by today. [RSA 31:95; 41:14 – at least 7 days before town meeting]

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Last day to submit zoning ordinance protest petition to require 2/3 vote at town meeting. [RSA 675:5- at least 7 days before town meeting]

Friday, March 6, 2026

Last day for supervisors to post (by midnight) final corrected checklist. [RSA 654:28 - checklist to be posted on the Friday next following the checklist correction session on February 28]

Friday, March 6, 2026

Certification of checklist; 2 copies filed with town clerk. [RSA 654:28-:29]

Monday, March 9, 2026

The town clerk's office shall be open to receive applications for absentee ballots, to provide voters the opportunity to complete absentee ballots, and to receive returned ballots on the Monday immediately prior to an election at a minimum from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The clerk may designate a deputy clerk or assistant to provide this service, provided the individual has taken the oath of office and has been trained in the requirements for using an absentee ballot and the procedures for issuing and receiving absentee ballots. [RSA 657:1, II (c)]

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Last day for town clerk to accept completed absentee ballots; clerk, or clerk's designee, must be available at least between 3 and 5 p.m. No absentee ballots may be accepted after 5 p.m. [RSA 669:29; 657:22; 652:20]



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Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Town Meeting. Voters may register at the polls on election day. If new tax collector is elected or appointed, select board audits accounts and issues a new warrant. [RSA 39:1; 669:1; 654:7-a; 41:36]

Friday, March 13, 2026

Last day for any person for whom a vote was cast to apply to town clerk for a recount (to be conducted not earlier than 5 nor later than 10 days after receipt of the application). Town clerk must be available at least between 3 and 5 p.m. to receive application and must provide at least 3 days' notice of recount date to candidates for that office. [RSA 669:30-:31; 652:20 – Friday next following town meeting/election]

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Last day to publish notice of March 17 reconsideration of a March 10th vote on a bond or note issue over \$100,000 (statute requires notice at least 2 days before reconsideration). [RSA 33:8-a, IV]

Monday, March 16, 2026

Select board must appoint town treasurer by today if annual meeting fails either to elect one or to vote to authorize the appointment rather than the election of the treasurer. [RSA 41:27; 41:26-e – appointment must be made within 6 days from town meeting]

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Last day for 10 voters of a town to petition clerk to recount ballots on any question printed on official ballot. [RSA 40:4-c – last day to seek recount is 7 days from date of town meeting]

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Earliest day on which reconsideration of a March 10th vote on a bond or note issue over \$100,000 may take place (statute requires reconsideration at least 7 days after vote to reconsider). [RSA 33:8-a, IV]

Friday, March 20, 2026

Town clerk to forward to select board and treasurer certified copy of any vote to transfer surplus to capital reserve funds within 10 days of such vote. Surplus must be transferred by treasurer to trustees of trust funds immediately after receipt of order of select board. [RSA 35:11]

Monday, March 30, 2026

Town clerk must report names and addresses of all town officers to commissioner of revenue administration after annual election. There is an ongoing duty to report changes as they occur. [RSA 41:19; NH Admin Code Rev 1707.13 – report to be made within 20 days of the town meeting]



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Monday, March 30, 2026

Minutes of town meeting and various reports must be filed with the Department of Revenue Administration within 20 days after the close of town meeting. [RSA 21-J:34]

APRIL 2026

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Town clerk to send 2 copies of town report to State Library and 1 copy of town report to UNH Library. [RSA 41:22; RSA 201-A:18 – within 30 days of March 3, the date by which the town report must be made available to the voters]

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Within 30 days after town meeting, town clerk to report on town library to assistant state librarian. [RSA 41:20]

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Appointed municipal budget committee members must be named within 30 days of town meeting. [RSA 32:15, II]

MAY 2026

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Ballots and absentee voting materials for election of town officers at town meeting may be destroyed by the town clerk. [657:16; 657:22; 659:100–:101; 669:25; 33-A:3-a, XXXVII—clerk shall retain until the contest is settled and all appeals have expired or at least 60 days after the election, whichever is longer].