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## 2023 TOWN OF CHELMSFORD POLITICAL CALENDAR

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. MGL c. 53 § 17.

Each candidate shall file with the Town Clerk, prior to obtaining blank nomination papers, a statement containing his name and address, and the office for which he intends to be a candidate. MGL c. 53 § 9A.

No candidate for town office shall receive more blank nomination papers than will contain the number of signatures required to place his name in nomination, multiplied by five. (Eight blank nomination papers for Town Wide Candidates; four blank nomination papers for Town Meeting Representative Candidates.)

Nomination papers must contain the written acceptance of the candidate. MGL c. 53 § 9.

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| Tuesday<br>January 3, 2023<br>8:30 am   | <b>Nominations Papers available for Town-wide Offices and new Town Meeting Members:</b> Town-wide Office Candidates must obtain at least <u>50 signatures</u> from Chelmsford registered voters (MGL 53 § 6). <b>Town Meeting Representative candidates</b> must obtain at least <u>25 signatures</u> from registered voters from the Precinct they wish to represent (Town Charter 2-3b.) The Clerk recommends obtaining <b>additional signatures</b> for both Town-Wide and Town Meeting candidates. |
| Tuesday<br>January 3, 2023<br>7:00 pm   | Deadline for submission of Citizen Petition Warrant Articles for 2020 Spring Representative Town Meeting (Town By-law Ch. 154 § 2).  |
| Friday<br>January 20, 2023<br>1:00 pm   | Year-end Campaign Finance Reports due for ALL elected officials. Reporting period April 29, 2022 through December 31, 2022. (MGL Ch 55 §18)  |
| Tuesday<br>February 7, 2023<br>5:00 pm  | <b>Last day and hour for Town Meeting Representatives who are candidates for re-election to submit written notice to Town Clerk</b> (MGL c. 53 §10 – twenty-one days prior to last day and hour of Board of Registrars’ filing of nomination papers with Town Clerk).  |
| Friday<br>February 10, 2023<br>5:00 pm  | <b>Last day to obtain blank nomination papers for Annual Town Election.</b> (MGL c. 53 § 9A – forty-eight weekday hours prior to submissions to Board of Registrars).  |
| Tuesday<br>February 14, 2023<br>5:00 pm | <b>Last day for Town-Wide and Town Meeting Representative candidates to file nomination papers with Board of Registrars</b> (MGL c. 53 § 7 and Town Charter 2-3 b - forty-nine days before election and fourteen days before filing with Town Clerk).  |

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| Tuesday<br>February 28, 2023<br>5:00 pm                 | Last day and hour for Board of Registrars to file nomination papers with Town Clerk (MGL c. 53 §10 – thirty-five days before election).   |
| Tuesday<br>February 28, 2023<br>5:00 pm                 | Last day and hour for Select Board to submit written notice of ballot question(s) for local election to Town Clerk. MGL c. 54 § 42C (at least thirty-five days prior to Election).    |
| Wednesday<br>March 1, 2023<br>10:00 am                  | Drawing of names for ballot positions for local election: Special act 1975 Chap. 529  |
| Thursday<br>March 2, 2023<br>5:00 pm                    | Last day to object or withdraw papers for local election (MGL c. 53 § 11 - thirty-three days before Election).  |
| Friday<br>March 24, 2023<br>5:00 pm                     | <b>Last day and hour to register to vote in person.</b> (MGL c. 51 §§ 26, 28 as amended by Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2022 - ten days prior to election) (accepted MGL Ch. 41 § 110A). |
| Monday<br>March 27, 2023<br>4:00 pm                     | Last day and hour to submit 8-day pre-election Campaign Finance Reports for Annual Town-Wide Election Candidates.<br>Report all activity from January 1, 2023 to March 17, 2023.      |
| Tuesday<br>March 28, 2023<br>5:00 pm                    | Last day and hour to apply for a ballot by mail for the Annual Town Election (MGL Ch 54 § 25b(a)(2) 5th business day prior to all elections)  |
| Monday<br>April 3, 2023 <b>12 NOON</b>                  | Last day and hour to apply for an absentee ballot to vote in person for the Annual Town Election  |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>April 4, 2023,<br/>7:00 am – 8:00 pm</b> | <b>Annual Town Election.</b> Polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm   |
| Monday<br>April 24, 2023                                | Spring Annual Representative Town Meeting begins (Town By-law Ch. 154 § 3).   |
| Thursday<br>May 4, 2023, 4:00 pm                        | Last day and hour to submit 30-day post-election Campaign Finance Reports for Annual Town-Wide Election Candidates. Report all activity from March 18, 2023 to April 24, 2023.        |
| Monday, August 7, 2023<br>4:00 pm                       | Deadline for submission of Citizen Petition Warrant Articles for 2023 Fall Representative Town Meeting (Town By-law Ch. 154 § 2).   |
| Monday<br>October 16, 2023                              | Fall Annual Representative Town Meeting begins (Town By-law Ch. 154 § 3).   |
| Friday<br>January 19, 2024<br>1:00 pm                   | Year-end Campaign Finance Reports due for ALL elected officials.<br>Report all activity from April 25, 2023 to December 31, 2023.   |