

Annual Town Meeting Calendar

Opening of the Town Meeting Warrant	February 2, 2026
All boards, officers & committees of the town must submit information to Town Administrator necessary for the preparation of the budget at least 90 days prior to the Annual Town Meeting	February 3, 2026
Town Administrator gives budget to Select Board for review and comment at least 75 days prior to TM (Select Board-Admin Act sec. 15)	February 18, 2026
All Departments, Boards & Committees shall give Capital Committee information concerning anticipated projects during ensuing 5 years by February 28th (Bylaw sec 2-37.3(c))	February 28, 2025
Closing of TM Warrant must be 1st Monday in March (Bylaw sec 2-7)	March 2, 2026
Select Board presents a budget to the Finance & Advisory Board for review at least 55 days prior to TM (Select Board-Admin Act sec. 16)	March 10, 2026
Financial articles forwarded by the Select Board to the Finance & Advisory Board within 2 days of warrant closing (Bylaw sec 2-6)	March 4, 2026
Zoning articles must be forwarded by Select Board to the Planning Board (MGL/Attorney General zoning procedure)	Within 14 days of receipt of article by Select Board
Posting of Warrant in 10 public places and the Stoneham Independent (Bylaw sec 2-5 and MGL Ch 39 Sec 10)	On or before March 31, 2026 (Independent by 3/26/26)
Annual Town Election Held on the 1st Tuesday in April. It is Article 1 on the Town Meeting warrant (Bylaw sec 2-2)	April 7, 2026
Finance & Advisory Board makes recommendations on all articles under their jurisdiction and recommendations must be published at least 10 days before the Annual Town Meeting (Bylaw sec 2-20)	April 24, 2026
The Capital Improvement Advisory Committee's report & the Select Board's recommended Capital Budget shall be published in a manner consistent with the distribution of the Finance & Advisory Board Town Meeting recommendations (Bylaw 2-37.3(e))	April 24, 2026
The Capital Improvement Advisory Committee shall prepare an annual report recommending a capital improvement budget for next fiscal year and a Capital Improvement Program including recommended capital improvements for the following 5 fiscal years. (Bylaw sec 2-37.3 (d))	Must be submitted to Select Board prior to Town Meeting
Finance & Advisory Board must publish a report with recommendations on the budget by the last Monday in April (Bylaw sec 2-19)	April 27, 2026
Motions for Town Meeting must be submitted to the Town Clerk within 3 business days of Town Meeting (Bylaw sec 2-11.1)	no later than April 29, 2026
Annual Town Meeting -Held on the 1st Monday in May (Bylaw sec 2-3)	May 4, 2026