

**TOWN OF GROVELAND
2021 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
INFORMATION AND 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 nominations or a person presenting the signed authorization of a candidate to secure said forms on his/her behalf. (53:17)

Each candidate shall file with the Town Clerk prior to obtaining blank nomination papers, a statement containing his/her name and address, and the office for which he/she intends to be a candidate. (53:9A) No candidate for town office shall receive more blank nomination papers than will contain the number of signatures required to place his/her name in nomination, multiplied by five. (53:9A)

No nomination paper shall be received or be valid unless the written acceptance of the candidate thereby nominated shall be filed therewith.(53:9)

Thursday, March 11, 2021	5:00 PM	Last day for obtaining nomination papers (53:9A)
Monday, March 15, 2021	5:00 PM	Last day for filing nomination papers with Board of Registrars (53:7) March 29 to Clerk (53:10)
Wednesday, March 31, 2021	5:00 PM	Last day for filing objections/withdrawals (53:11/13)
Tuesday, April 13, 2021	8:00 PM	Last day to register voters (51:26/31)
Monday, April 19, 2021	5:00 PM	Last day to post warrant (39:10)
Monday, April 26, 2021	4:00 PM	Campaign Finance Reports Due (Town-wide only)
Monday, April 26, 2021	6:30 PM and 7:00 PM	Special and Annual Town Meeting
Monday, May 03, 2021	7 am - 8 pm	Annual Town Election
Wednesday, June 02, 2021	4:00 PM	Campaign Finance Reports Due

NOMINATION PAPERS - NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED (43A:6, 53:6,7)

Town-wide Office	Minimum of 38 voters of the town.
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Obtaining Nomination Papers

PAPERS ARE AVAILABLE TO PICK UP AS OF JANUARY 25, 2021

Nomination papers can be obtained by contacting the Groveland Town Clerk's office and making an appointment. With the new restrictions and difficulties arising as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have outlined some guidelines and suggestions below to help candidates navigate the collection of signatures.

Please contact our office at any time if you have any questions.

Obtaining signatures: What is allowed?

- Multiple signature pages – candidates are not required to fill nomination pages with signatures. Each signer may have their own nomination paper form.

Obtaining signatures: What is not allowed?

- Electronic signatures. All signatures must be in ink
- Time Extensions. There are no extended deadlines approved by Massachusetts State for the obtaining of nomination signatures
- Reduction of Signatures. The number of signatures required remains the same.

Suggestions for Obtaining Signatures:

- You can mail/email individual nomination papers to people and ask them to print and sign them and mail them back
- Candidates can set up a table at a post office (or other public place) but include fresh pens, gloves and sanitizer
- Some candidates are announcing the locations of supporters who have covered porches and letting people drop by to sign. Candidates can set specific hours to sign so their nomination papers don't stay unsupervised for long hours
- Advertise designated signing areas/times through social media or mail

Assessor	For Three Years	Vote for One
Selectman	For Three Years	Vote for Two
Board of Health	For Three Years	Vote for One
Board of Health	For Two Years	Vote for One
Board of Health	For One Year	Vote for One
Cemetery Commission	For Three Years	Vote for One
Housing Authority	For Five Years	Vote for One
Library Trustee	For Three Years	Vote for Three
Library Trustee	For One Year	Vote for One
Light Commissioner	For Three Years	Vote for One
Moderator	For One Year	Vote for One
Planning Board	For Five Years	Vote for One
Planning Board	For Two Years	Vote for One
Planning Board	For One Year	Vote for One
School Committee	For Three Years	Vote for One
Water/Sewer Commission	For Three Years	Vote for One
Water/Sewer Commission	For Two Years	Vote for One