2013 TOWN MEETING and ELECTIONS CALENDAR

Bold = Town Meeting

Italics = Election

November 1, 2012—Nomination Papers for Town -wide Office Available. 120 signatures

November 1, 2012-Nomination Papers for Town Meeting Representative Available.

Fifteen + signatures must be from respective precinct voters.

Wed., Jan. 2, 2013 — ATM WARRANT CLOSES for Petitioned Articles at 4:30 p.m.

To be submitted to Town Clerk's office. Minimum of 10 signatures of registered voters.

[Forward Budget and Petition Articles to Rules and Fin. Committees: Jan. 4]

Wed. Jan. 2, 2013— Town-wide Nomination Papers filed with Board of Registrars and Town Clerk by 4:30 p.m. [Minimum 120 signatures of Registered Stoughton Voters required.]

Wed. Jan. 9, 2013 — Rules Committee meets to assign petitioned and budget articles to standing committees.

Tues., Wed., Thurs. Jan. 7, 8, 9: Selectmen's Department Budget Review Hearings

Mon. Jan. 21, 2013—Informational Meeting for Candidates for Town Meeting; Place: TBA.

Tues. Jan. 22, 2013 — Town Budget to Finance Committee.

Wed. January 30, 2013— Final day to register to be eligible to vote in Preliminary Town Election.

Tues. Feb. 5, 2013 — ATM WARRANT CLOSES to SELECTMEN

Thur. Feb. 7, 2013—All ATM Warrant Articles to Moderator/Rules Committee and Fin Com

Mon. Feb. 11, 2013 — Last day to close warrant for Special Town Meeting within Annual Town Meeting.

Legally if there is to be a Special Town Meeting called for an emergency, the warrant may be closed on March 14, however, Town Meeting Committees and organization dissolves on April 10.

Wed. Feb. 13, 2013 — Rules Committee meets to assign Selectmen's ATM articles to Standing Committees

Tues. Feb. 19, 2013—PRELIMINARY TOWN ELECTION (If more than 3 candidates for a town-wide office).

Tues. Feb. 19, 2013 — Town Meeting Rep. NOMINATION Papers filed with Registrars and Town Clerk by 4:30 p.m. Need only 15 signatures of registered voters from precinct.

Mon. Feb. 25 to Thurs. March 28, 2013—Town Meeting Committees, including Community Preservation: Public Hearings for ATM Articles. [Planning Board articles not involving Town Meeting Comm. may be heard as late as April 25]

Wed. March 20, 2013 — Last day to Register to Vote to be eligible to vote in Annual Town Election

Tues. March 26, 2013 — Passover Begins, Passover week, March 26 to April 1.

Fri. March 29, 2013 — Good Friday

Sun. March 31, 2013 — Easter Sunday

Wed. April 3, 2013 — ALL Town Meeting Committee Reports to Finance Committee and Moderator

Mon. April 8, 2013 at 12:00 noon. Deadline to vote "absentee" for Annual Town Election

Tues. April 9, 2013 — ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION —Town Officers and Town Meeting Members to be elected.

Mon. April 15, 2013 — Patriots' Day: Town and State Offices closed

Wed., April 17, 2013 — Precincts caucus. If necessary; location to be announced. (school vacation week)

Mon., April 22, 2013 — FIN COM REPORT and WARRANTS in hands of Town Meeting Members, Warrant Posted April 22-27, 2013 — Precincts may have pre-town-meeting meetings.

Thurs. May 2, 2013 — Organizational Town Meeting:

7:00 p.m. New TMMs Orientation Program, High School, Teachers Lounge 8:00 p.m. ALL TMMs, **High School Cafeteria**

Mon. May 6, 2013 — (7:30 p.m.) ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BEGINS

Dates High School Auditorium reserved:

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.
5/6		5/8
5/13		5/15
5/20		5/22
(5/27)		5/29
Memorial Da	y)	
6/3 7	Grad	uation week
6/10 aud	litorium availa	able> 6/12
6/17 <au< td=""><td>ditorium avail</td><td>able> 6/19</td></au<>	ditorium avail	able> 6/19

Boldface indicates date set by General Laws, Charter and/or by-laws. Some of these dates may be altered to meet special circumstances as they arise.

2013 TOWN MEETING SESSIONS CALENDAR

MAY - JUNE 2013

{ MAY }

MON. TUE WED. THURS 2 Organizational (**) Open Meeting Laws prohibit Town Boards from meeting while Town Meeting is in session Town Meeting HIGH School Cafeteria. 7:00 Orientation in Teachers' Lounge Sign-in 7:15 -7:35, Opening Gavel 7:40 8:00 All Town Meeting Reps. **8** ATM Second Session 6 ATM Begins 7:30 p.m. 😊 HS auditorium reserved HS auditorium reserved 13 ATM Third Session 15 **ATM Fourth Session** HS auditorium reserved HS auditorium available ©Reserve for Petitioned articles 22 20 ATM Fifth Session **ATM Sixth Session** HS auditorium reserved HS auditorium reserved 0 읟 27 Memorial Day 29 ATM Seventh Session HS auditorium reserved { JUNE } Graduation Week; No space available at High School 10 12 ATM Eighth Session HS auditorium not available HS auditorium reserved 17 ATM Ninth Session 19 ATM Tenth Session HS auditorium available HS auditorium available

Order of the Business — Unless any motion is made to the contrary at the opening session of the Annual Town Meeting, all articles will be presented in the order as published in the warrant.

Motions to set a specific date to present a single article or block of articles on floor <u>must</u> be made at the first session. Motions may be made to permit simultaneous discussion on related articles when the body deems appropriate.

Substitute Motions introduced after the meeting convenes must be submitted to the Moderator not less than 30 hrs. (noon preceding day) before session to be presented. This allows time for preparing and printing copies for all town meeting members. Alternate/substitute motions for an article that has NOT been brought on the floor and tabled to a later session, may not be voted the same session as introduced, except by a majority vote of the meeting.

Except as noted, the hour sessions will convene is subject to vote of meeting.