



March 23, 2021 Annual Town Election

The following information may be helpful to residents who are interested in running for election in Andover's 2021 Annual Town Election.

Andover will hold its Annual Town Election on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. The following seats will be on the local ballot:

- MODERATOR (1 seat)
- SELECT BOARD (2 seats)
- SCHOOL COMMITTEE (2 seats)
- TRUSTEES OF THE PUNCHARD FREE SCHOOL (2 seats)
- GREATER LAWRENCE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMISSION (1 seat)
- HOUSING AUTHORITY (1 seat)

Nomination papers can be obtained by contacting the Town Clerk's Office. To be placed on the ballot, candidates must obtain the required 50 certified signatures by Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 5:00PM. The last day to withdraw from the ballot (through a notarized statement in writing) is Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 5:00PM.

Obtaining signatures: What is allowed?

- Multiple signature pages – Each signee, or household, may have their own individual nomination paper form.
- You can mail individual nomination papers to residents and ask them to sign and mail them back to you.
- Candidates can set-up a table, with permission, at a post office or other public place (e.g., a grocery store), but should offer residents fresh pens, gloves and sanitizer.
- Candidates may announce the locations of supporters who have covered porches and

invite residents to visit those locations to sign nomination forms.

- Please note: each nomination signature collection page must have the candidate's information filled out on both the front and back of the page.

Obtaining signatures: What is not allowed?

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

For candidates in the March 23, 2021 Annual Town Election, the following are the applicable 2021 campaign finance reports:

REPORT DUE:

REPORTING PERIOD DATES:

**8 Day Pre-Election
Due March 15, 2021**

Reporting period: January 1, 2021 – March 5, 2021
(accounting closes 10 days before due date)

**30 Day Post-Election
Due April 22, 2021**

Reporting period: March 6, 2021 – April 12, 2021
(accounting closes 10 days before due date)

**2021 End-of-Year
Due Jan. 20, 2022**

Reporting Period Ending – December 31, 2021
from date of last report filed in 2020:

- **April 13, 2021 through December 31, 2021** (all 2021 candidates not dissolved)
- **January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021** (all others)

The following is a resource from the Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance. This describes upcoming seminars, and provides video tutorials, regarding campaign finance:

<https://ocpf2.blob.core.windows.net/pdf/guides/checkinjan2021.pdf>

Any questions about the Annual Town Election can be directed to the Town Clerk's Office at 978-623-8230 and townclerk@andoverma.us.