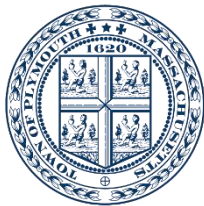


# **Local Candidate Information Packet**

2026



Town of Plymouth

## ***Congratulations!***

You have taken a courageous step in considering and/or declaring your candidacy for elected office. For any government, but especially your local town government to work effectively, it requires the active participation of its citizens. Democracy functions best when the citizenry is given a choice.

The Town Clerk's Office thanks you for your active participation and wishes you the best of luck in your campaign.

This packet is intended to provide you with the necessary knowledge to determine your candidacy and conduct your campaign. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

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## 2026 Political Calendar

EVENT	DATE & TIME
First Day to Obtain Nomination Papers	Monday, January 5
Last Day to File Town Meeting Representative Renomination Petition with the Town Clerk	Friday, March 20 at 5:00 PM
Last Day to Submit Nomination Papers to the Board of Registrars for Certification	Friday, March 27 at 5:00 PM
<b>SPRING ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING</b>	<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 11 at 8:00 AM</b>
Last Day to Object or Withdraw Candidacy from Ballot	Tuesday, April 14 at 5:00 PM
Last Day to Register to Vote in Annual Town Election	Wednesday, May 6 at 5:00 PM
Last Day to apply for Vote by Mail Ballot	Monday, May 11 at 5:00 PM
<b>ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION</b>	<b>SATURDAY, MAY 16 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM</b>
<b>FALL ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING</b>	<b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 at 8:00 AM</b>

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS FORM – CPF M102

<b>Pre-Election Report</b>	Due 8 <sup>th</sup> Day Preceding Election - <b>Friday, May 8</b>	Period: Jan 1 - Apr 28
<b>Post-Election Report</b>	Due 30 <sup>th</sup> Day After Election - <b>Monday, Jun 15</b>	Period: Apr 29 – Jun 5
<b>Year End Report</b>	Due End of Year - <b>Wednesday, Jan 20, 2027</b>	Period: Jun 6 – Dec 31

If you do not have a political committee, campaign fund, or any spend and/or fundraising activity in connection with your campaign, you may sign Form CPF M102-0 (available at the Town Clerk's Office) for each reporting period in lieu of filing [Form CPF M102](#).

Candidates with no committee, campaign fund or intended spend/fundraising activity may also file [Form CPF M109](#) at the beginning of the year to fulfill all reporting requirements within the calendar year.

**Year-end reports must be filed by all townwide candidates & elected officials each year.**

# Checklist for Running for Local Office

Additional information at [www.plymouth-ma.gov/elections](http://www.plymouth-ma.gov/elections)

- ☐ Review **Positions on Ballot / Terms Due to Expire** for list of positions available on this year's ballot.
- ☐ Review **Annual Political Calendar**. Note the timeline to complete nomination papers.
- ☐ Obtain **Nomination Papers** and complete the **Candidate Interest Form** at the Town Clerk's office. Circulate papers for qualified signatures from registered voters. The required number of signatures for townwide candidates is set at 1% of the total number of voters in the Town of Plymouth who voted in the last race for Governor. The total number of voters in the 2022 State Election in Plymouth was 29,238. MGL Ch 53, §6 states the # of signatures required cannot be less than 20 and no more than 50.

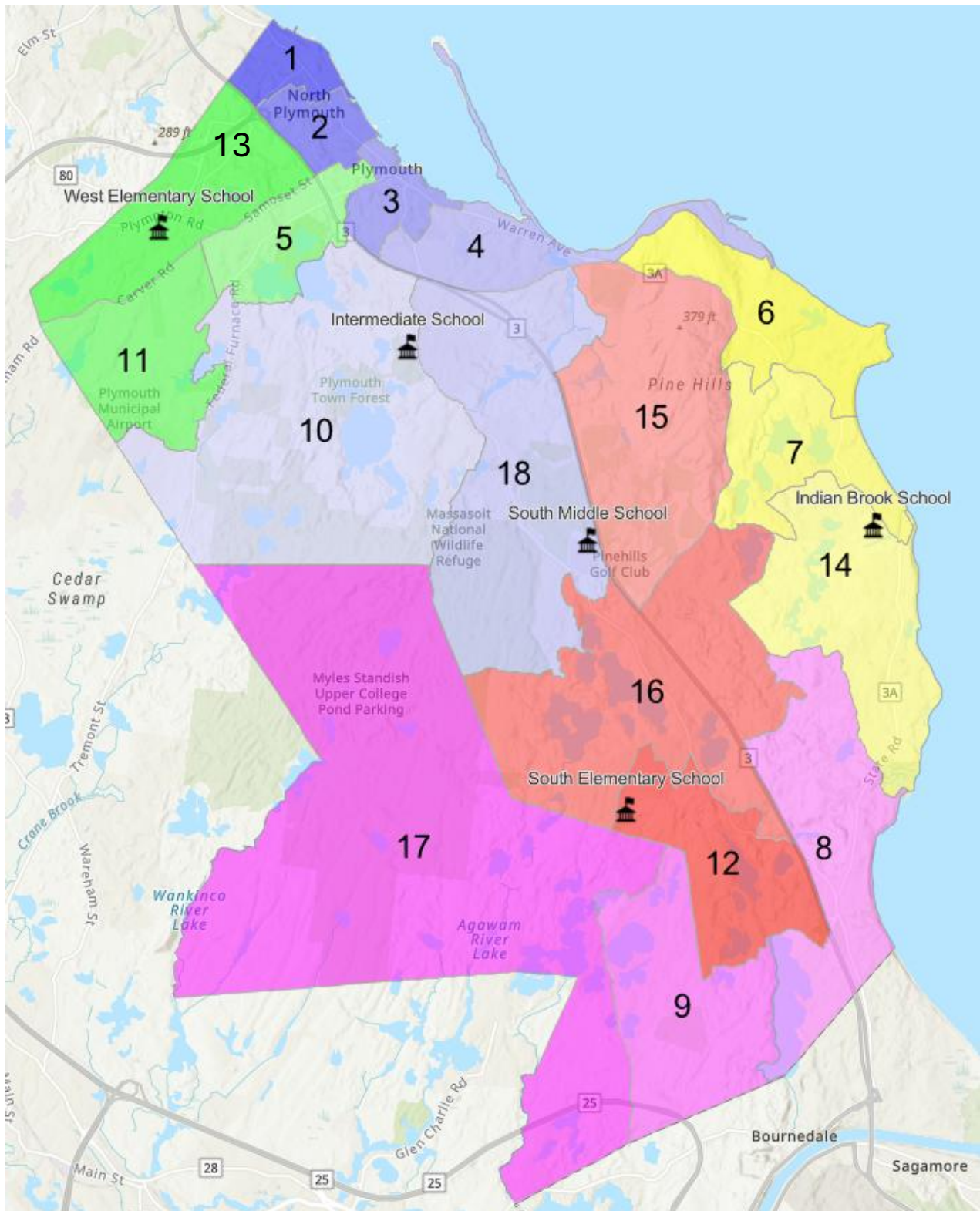
**Candidates for townwide office will need 50 signatures** from any registered Plymouth voter and **candidates for Town Meeting Member need 10 signatures** from registered Plymouth voters *in their precinct*.

All signatures must be legible and written substantially as registered. Regulations allow a voter to insert or omit a middle name or initial OR use a common nickname and still have their signature deemed valid. It is strongly recommended candidates collect 50% more signatures than required to account for non-certifiable names.

- ☐ Return **Nomination Papers** to the Town Clerk's office by Friday, March 27 and complete the **CPF M101: Statement of Organization Form**.
- ☐ **Submit Campaign Finance Reports**  
State law requires an accounting of all money received or spent throughout a political campaign. Townwide candidates are required to submit regular [Form CPF M102](#) campaign finance reports to the Town Clerk's Office and to comply with campaign finance laws and procedures. Town Meeting Members are exempt from these reporting requirements. Candidates are encouraged to use [OCPF's online reporting tool](#) for clear, effective reporting. The 2026 filing schedule is as follows:
  1. **8 days before the town election** – May 8th, 2026 (reporting period: January 1<sup>st</sup> to April 28th)
  2. **30 days after the town election** – June 15th, 2026 (reporting period: April 29<sup>th</sup> to June 5th)
  3. **End of year report for 2026** – Due January 20th, 2027 (reporting period: last day of previous report to December 31st, 2026 OR January 1st, 2026 to December 31st, 2026)

Please review the [Campaign Finance Guide for Municipal Candidates](#) via the Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF) website. It is the responsibility of all those participating in political campaign financing in Massachusetts to become knowledgeable with the provisions of the law and its regulations. Violations of the law carry serious penalties of fines, imprisonment or both.

## Precinct Map



*Building symbols denote polling locations*

## Positions on Ballot / Terms Due to Expire\*

Board / Committee	Name	Term Length
Select Board	Richard Quintal	3
Select Board	Kevin Canty	3
Planning Board	Francis Mand	5
Housing Authority	<b>VACANT</b>	5
School Committee	Robert Morgan	3
School Committee	Christina Bryant	3
Redevelopment Authority	Paul Curtis	5
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 01	Tammy Berardi	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 01	Mark Pulsinelli	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 01	Robert Zupperoli	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 02	Albert Kusman	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 02	Harrison Quinn	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 02	Shawn Ireland	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 03	Margaret Keohan	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 03	Constance Melahoures	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 03	Gerald Sirrico	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 04	Jad Osmanski	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 04	Aminta Seery	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 04	Robert Shaw	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 05	Paul Anderson	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 05	Steve Bryant	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 05	Misti Neutzling	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 05	Lindsay Bascom	2**
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 05	Michael Levenson	1**
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 06	Kelsey Malone	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 06	Betty Cavacco	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 06	Anthony Mayo	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 07	Jay Ferguson	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 07	Tammy Johnson	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 07	Jacqueline Perkins	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 08	Sybil Holland	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 08	Karen MacDonald	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 08	Mary Tinchier	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 09	Christeen Guadagno	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 09	Kathryn Holmes	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 09	Kevin Mills	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 10	Robert Duggan	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 10	Brian Fitzgerald	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 10	Lisa Lantagne	3

Town Meeting Member: Precinct 11	Jeffrey Fosdick	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 11	Ken Kessel	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 11	Lisa Murray	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 11	Peter Lunt	2**
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 12	John Adelmann	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 12	Karen Petracca	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 12	John Sanguinet	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 12	Christopher Ayers	1**
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 13	Elyse Glynn	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 13	Jeffrey DeLappe	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 13	Ronald Reilly	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 14	Therese Blackwell	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 14	Rebecca Ellis	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 14	Paul Reissfelder	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 15	Arthur Schiff	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 15	John Donahue	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 15	Michael Hanlon	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 16	Lawrence Delafield	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 16	Liana Patton	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 16	Ethan Warren	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 17	Susan Arenstam	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 17	Alexis Coon	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 17	Pamela Hastings	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 18	Laurien Enos	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 18	John Hammond	3
Town Meeting Member: Precinct 18	Karl Mason	3

\*Current as of 12/30/2025

\*\*Candidate appointed and/or filling a vacancy. May result in shorter term length.



# Overview of Elected Positions in the Town of Plymouth

## Select Board

- # of Positions: 5 townwide members
- Term: 3 Years
- Duties\*: The Select Board is the chief executive body of the Town. Their general powers and responsibilities are to: adopt policy directives and guidelines for the Town, review the annual proposed operating and capital budgets submitted by the Town Manager, make appointments to various boards, committees and offices, ensure efficient and orderly operation of all town agencies, etc. Preview recent [Select Board agendas](#) to learn more.
- Meeting Schedule\*\*: Once a week

## School Committee

- # of Positions: 7 townwide members
- Term: 3 Years
- Duties: Their general responsibilities are to: oversee the annual school budget, develop school system policies, hire and review the performance of the Superintendent of Schools, and advocate for the school system with citizens and Town Government. Preview recent [School Committee agendas](#) to learn more.
- Meeting Schedule: Twice a month

## Town Moderator *(Not up for election in 2026)*

- # of Positions: 1 townwide position
- Term: 3 Years
- Duties: Their general responsibilities are to: assist in the planning of, participate in the agenda setting for and preside over all Town Meeting sessions; cast the tie-breaking vote at Town Meetings when necessary. Preview recent [Town Meeting reports](#) to learn more.
- Meeting Schedule: Two Town Meetings per year, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in April and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October, and any other Town Meeting called by the Select Board

## Planning Board

- # of Positions: 5 townwide members
- Term: 5 Years
- Duties: Their general responsibilities are to: review plans for public land use and division and specific development and zoning proposals. Preview recent [Planning Board agendas](#) to learn more.
- Meeting Schedule: Twice a month



### **Housing Authority**

- # of Positions: 3 townwide members (plus 1 tenant member and 1 state-appointed member)
- Term: 5 Years
- Duties: Their general responsibilities are to: operate, maintain, promote and provide quality, affordable and safe housing for families or elderly persons of low income and prepare plans for the clearance of decadent, substandard or blighted open areas. Preview recent [Housing Authority agendas](#) to learn more.
- Meeting Schedule: Once a month

### **Redevelopment Authority**

- # of Positions: 4 townwide commissioners (plus 1 state-appointed member)
- Term: 5 Years
- Duties: Their general responsibilities are to: improve housing ownership, redevelop public and private parcels, and provide rehabilitation assistance to substandard properties in the community. Preview recent [Redevelopment Authority agendas](#) to learn more.
- Meeting Schedule: Once a month

### **Town Meeting Member**

- # of Positions: 162 precinct-level members, 9 per precinct
- Term: 3 Years
- Duties: Town Meeting is the chief legislative body of the Town. Their general responsibilities are to: consider major town financial proposals and pass a balanced annual town budget, approve charter revisions, and enact all town bylaws. Preview recent [Town Meeting reports](#) to learn more.
- Meeting Schedule: Two Town Meetings per year (the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in April and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in October) and any other Town Meeting called by the Select Board. Some precinct caucuses meet once a month.

*\*List of duties are non-exhaustive.*

*\*\*Meeting schedules are meant only to give a general idea of time commitments and are subject to change and/or additional requirements.*

# Election Day Reminders

## **Adhere to Campaign Activity Rules**

On Election Day, political signs must be held by a person at polling locations. No signs may be put into the ground, hung on fences or left on public property per Zoning Bylaw §203-3, C(4).

**No Campaigning – or any action intended to influence the vote of a voter – for any candidate or ballot question on the ballot is allowed within 150 feet of any entrance to the polling location** per MA General Law Chapter 54, Section 65. Prohibited actions include but are not limited to:

- holding or distributing any campaign materials
- wearing any campaign garb with identifying signage or slogans
- soliciting a person's vote for or against a candidate or question on the ballot
- distributing ballot stickers
- vehicle bumper stickers

Voters must remove any political or campaign garb in violation of this statute prior to entering the polling place. Those who do not will be asked to remove and/or cover the items by the warden or return when they are able to comply with the law.

Extended time talking with election workers or other residents in the polling location after you have voted may appear to be campaigning.

## **Election Results**

Unofficial results are posted on election day after polls close. Precinct-level results are available immediately and publicly posted at their respective polling location. Townwide results are consolidated and posted online to the town's website typically later in the evening once they are returned to the Town Clerk's Office.

Official results are certified, submitted to the state and posted online by the Town Clerk after the election in accordance with MA General Law.

Election results for current and previous elections are available at [www.plymouth-ma.gov/elections](http://www.plymouth-ma.gov/elections)

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