

INFORMATION ON SUBMITTING A CITIZEN PETITION

New Hampshire RSA 39:3 requires that petition articles must have at least **twenty-five (25) signatures of registered voters in the Town of Salem** to be included on the warrant. *The RSA also states that the governing body (Town Council) shall insert the petitioned article with only such minor textual changes as may be required.* The Town Clerk will review all names to verify that signers are registered voters. Deadline for petition articles is **close of business (5:00 p.m.) Tuesday, January 14, 2025. (January 10th for warrant articles requiring a bond.)**

The Town Council will hold a meeting on **Wednesday, January 15, 2025**, to consider/vote on petition warrant articles. (Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. at **Salem High School, Media Center, 44 Geremonty Drive**).

The Budget Committee will hold a meeting on **Wednesday, January 15, 2025** to consider/vote on petition warrant articles. (Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. at **Salem High School, Media Center, 44 Geremonty Drive**).

Petition articles must be submitted to the Town Council/Town Manager's Office prior to the deadline to be considered for the Annual Town Meeting.

Please note if the petition article includes a cost for the project/item, that amount must be included as part of the language of the petition prior to gathering signatures.

Dates to remember:

- **January 14, 2025** (Tuesday) – Deadline to Submit Citizen Petition to Town Council
(Petition must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. at the Town Manager's Office, Salem Town Hall) (*January 10th for warrant articles requiring a bond.*)
- **January 15, 2025** (Wednesday) – Town Council Meeting, Public Hearing on Bonds/Notes, Citizen Petition Review/Votes. (Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. at **Media Center, Salem High School, 44 Geremonty Drive**).
- **January 15, 2025** (Wednesday) – Budget Committee Meeting, Public Hearing/Votes on Warrant Articles, Including Citizen Petitions. (Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. at **Media Center, Salem High School, 44 Geremonty Drive**).
- **February 8, 2025** (Saturday) - Deliberative Session. (Meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Salem High School Auditorium).
- **March 11, 2025** (Tuesday) – Ballot/Election Voting for Registered Voters. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Please note that at least one individual should attend the Town Council and Budget Committee meetings of **January 15th** as well as the **February 8th** deliberative session to speak on behalf of the petition.

Please direct any questions to Maureen Witley in the Town Manager's Office at 603-890-2120 or by e-mail townmanager@salemnh.gov

PETITION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL TO INSERT A WARRANT ARTICLE
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION – JANUARY 14, 2025

We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Salem request you to insert in the warrant for the 2025 Town Meeting, the following article:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of _____ for the purpose of _____

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