

MILTON TOWN GOVERNMENT 101



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Milton's town government is similar in structure to our federal government with an executive branch (**Select Board**) and a legislative branch (**Town Meeting**)

SELECT BOARD

- 5 members elected for 3 year term
- Chief policy-making board in town government
- Issues Warrant for **Town Meeting**
- Appoints members to town boards and committees
- Hires **Town Administrator** to run day-to-day operations of town government

TOWN MEETING

- 279 members from town's 10 precincts, elected for 3 year term
- Responsible for voting on the town's annual operating budget and new/modified town bylaws and policies
- Presided over by **Town Moderator** (elected position, 3 year term)
- Meet in May and in the fall

Other important town government bodies include the **School Committee, Planning Board, Warrant Committee**, many **Volunteer Committees**, and other elected positions

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- 6 members elected for 3 year term
- Governing body of Milton Public Schools (MPS)
- Sets district educational goals, policies, and budget
- Responds to local priorities and aligns with federal and state education standards/laws
- Hires and supervises the Superintendent of MPS

PLANNING BOARD

- 5 members elected for 3 year term
- Local authority responsible for rules and regulations related to subdivision of land in Milton
- Grant permits and draft zoning for **Town Meeting's** consideration

WARRANT COMMITTEE

- 15 members appointed by **Town Moderator** to serve 1-year term
- Reviews all articles to be presented to **Town Meeting** and provides their recommendations

OTHER ELECTED POSITIONS

- Positions on the Board of Assessors, Board of Park Commissioners, Board of Health, Trustees of the Public Library, Constable, and Trustees of the Cemetery, as well as the Town Clerk

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

- Essential part of town government
- Examples include: Youth Task Force, Airplane Noise Advisory Committee, Traffic Commission, Equity and Justice for All Advisory Committee
- Residents apply through Town of Milton website; most positions appointed by an elected board/official (e.g., **Town Moderator, Select Board**)



We are a group of Milton, Massachusetts residents who created this group to foster Milton community connection centered around diversity, equity, inclusion, belonging and civic engagement. We exist to connect Milton residents to each other, to civic engagement opportunities and to community resources.

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5 WAYS TO GET ENGAGED!



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1. GET INFORMED

- All board and committee meetings are open to the public
- Sign up to receive notifications of upcoming meetings:
<https://www.townofmilton.org/list.aspx>
- Zoom links are in meeting agendas
- Stream live, or view past meetings through Milton Public Access TV

2. VOICE YOUR IDEAS AND CONCERNS

- Email elected officials or board/committees through town website ([townofmilton.org](https://www.townofmilton.org))
- Town meeting members mailing addresses available at
<https://www.townofmilton.org/525/Town-Meeting-Members>
- Speak during Citizens Speak at public meetings

3. VOLUNTEER

- Milton town government relies heavily on volunteers, so lend your expertise and skills to a board or committee!
- Find out where volunteers are needed and apply:
<https://www.townofmilton.org/376/Boards-Committees>

4. VOTE

- Only 28% of registered voters in Milton participated in the last town election (April 2023).
- Local elections have a huge impact on your day to day life affecting your schools, parks, and services you enjoy.
- Voting is the best way to make your voice heard, so go vote, and bring a friend!

5. RUN FOR OFFICE

- Must be a registered Milton voter to run
- Come to an info session on running for office in January!
- Get nomination papers from the Town Clerk's office (Jan/Feb)
- Minimum of 10 signatures of registered voters to get on ballot
 - Aim for 20% more than you need to be sure
- Clerk's office will publish # of seats open and who is currently running
 - Posted on the Town Clerks page
 - <https://www.townofmilton.org/town-clerk>
- Get organized!
 - Identify a campaign team and supporters
 - Develop a campaign strategy
- Articulate a platform
 - Goals, priorities, values
- Get your message out
 - Talk to neighbors
 - Post in Milton Times
 - Post in Milton Scene (1 free post)
 - Postcards/flyers and yard signs