

Andover Select Board



Options for Filling Vacancy on Select Board

The Options

1

Board Appointment

The Board may appoint a resident to serve on the Board for the remainder of the term (March 2022)

The Board's appointment would be effective immediately, subject to being sworn in by the Town Clerk

2

Board to Operate with Four Members

Board may opt to continue to conduct business as a four-member Board through March of 2022

3

Board to call Special Election

The Board may call a Special Election for the purposes of filling the vacancy for the duration of the term.



Option 1: Board Appointment

Steps in the Process

- Town would advertise vacancy
- Candidates would submit through an application process
- Interviews would be conducted, and a candidate selected to serve on the Board for the remainder of the term
- Process could be completed by the end of March (depending on number of candidates)

Considerations

- Board would have to consider amending its policy relative to not filling a vacancy within 100 days of the annual election (See next slide)
- The most expeditious option for filling the vacancy
- The same process that was used for last two vacancies (2001 & 2010)

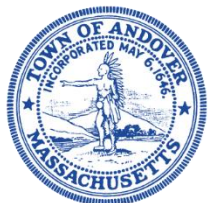


Option 1: Board Appointment

VACANCIES ON THE BOARD

When a vacancy occurs in the office of Select Board member, the remaining Select Board members may at any time prior to the next Town election appoint a qualified person to serve as Select Board member until such election, at which election voters shall elect a Select Board member to serve for the unexpired portion, if any, of the original term.

However, if such a vacancy or vacancies occur less than 100 days prior to the annual election and not less than three members of such Board remain in office, the vacancy or vacancies shall remain unfilled until such annual election.



Option 2: Board to Operate with Four Members

Steps in the Process

- No action necessary

Considerations

- Board would be able to continue to operate and conduct business
- Tied votes would result in a motion being defeated



Option 3: Special Election

Steps in the Process

- Board calls and set a date for a Special Election – About 10-12 weeks before the election
- Prospective candidates pull nomination papers – About 10 weeks before the election.
- Deadline to submit nomination papers – 49 days (i.e., 7 weeks) before the election.
- Last day to withdraw from the ballot – 33 days (i.e., about 5 weeks) before the election.
- Voter registration deadline – 20 days (i.e., about 3 weeks) before the election.
- Publication of the warrant – 14 days before the election.

Considerations

- Less timely method of filling the vacancy
- Most costly method of filling the vacancy
- Requires holding an election during the pandemic

