

**Current Selectmen/Town Meeting Government vs. Proposed Mayor/Council Government
 Prepared by FACT (Framingham Alliance for Civil Transparency)**

Positions	Current Selectmen /Town Meeting	Proposed Mayor/Council
Legislative	Representative Town Meeting 3-yr terms (216 members, 12 per precinct; reduced by 2019 to 162 members, 9 per precinct)	11 member Council (9 by districts for 2 yrs, maximum of 6 consecutive terms; plus 2 at-large for 4 yrs, maximum of 3 consecutive terms)
Executive	5 Members of the Board of Selectmen with 3-yr terms; Professional Town Manager	Mayor with 4-yr term with maximum of 3 consecutive terms
School Committee	7 Members at-large, 3-yr terms	9 Members by district with 2-yr terms
Stipends for Elected Positions	Town Clerk	\$5000 per year for council and school committee members, \$7500 for chairs
Licensing	Selectmen	Board of License Commissioners (5), Apt. by Mayor, incl. officers with 3-yr term *
Keefe Tech School Com.	Elected	Apt. by Mayor *
Planning Board	Elected	Apt. by Mayor *
Zoning Board of Appeals	Apt. by Selectmen	Apt. by Mayor *
Clerk	Elected	Apt. by Council with 3-yr term
Auditor	Hired by CFO	Apt. by Council with 3-yr term
Manager	Professional Town Manager Apt. by Selectmen	Mayor and Chief Operating Officer Apt. by Mayor (co-terminus)
Attorney	Hired by Selectmen	Apt. by Mayor (co-terminus) **
Chief Financial Officer	Apt. by Town Manager	Apt. by Mayor (co-terminus) **
Citizen Participation Officer	None	New (Paid) Position Apt. by Mayor (co-terminus) **
Division Heads	Apt. by Town Manager +	Apt. by Mayor with 3-yr term **
All Employees	Apt. by Town Manager	Apt. by Mayor
Committees of the Legislature	7 Town Meeting Coms., 6 Moderator Coms. incl. Finance Com. and Capital Budget Com.	Finance Com. and Appointments Com. Council Members Appointed by Council Chair
Committees of the Executive	Apt. by Selectmen	Apt. by Mayor *
Capital Improvements Com.	Apt. by Town Moderator	Apt. by Mayor *
Traffic	Traffic and Roadway Safety Com. Apt. by Selectmen	Traffic Commission (8) Apt. by Mayor with 3-yr term *
Police	Standing Com. On Public Safety	Police Advisory Com. Apt. by Mayor *
Strategic Initiatives and Financial Oversight	Professional Town Manager and Selectmen	9-Member Com. Apt. by Council (3), School Committee (3), Mayor (3) *

+ with personnel director,
police chief, and fire chief
approved by the Selectmen

* Unless rejected by majority of Council
 ** Unless rejected by 2/3 of Council
 (except Library and Cemetery)

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 Signatures Required (for names on ballot, for affidavit, or for petition)**

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Elected Positions		
Chief Executive	Selectmen: 50	Mayor: 500 with 25 per district
Council At-Large	N/A	150 with 10 per district
Council by District	Town Meeting Members: 25 from precinct	50 from district
School Committee	50	50 from district
Library Board Members	50	50
Cemetery Board Members	50	50
Citizen Actions		
Recall Affidavit for an At-Large Position	Not needed	400 with 25 per district
Recall of At-Large Position	5% (~1800)	15% (~5400) with 1% (~40) per district
Recall Affidavit for a District Position	N/A	150
Recall of District Position	N/A	15% (~600)
Petition to call for action by Legislature or School Com. but currently not for School Com.		
Citizen Actions		
Individual Petition	Same as for a Group	0, no hearing called, action not required
Group Petition	10 - Annual TM warrant 100 - Special TM warrant 200 - to call a Special TM	100, then hearing called, then action within 30 days
Initiative Measure to call for action by the Legislature or School Com. And, if none, a citizen vote		
Initiative Measure Affidavit	N/A	500 with 25 per district
Initiative Measure Petition	Not available	10% (~3600) action within 60 days
Initiative Measure Supplementary Petition	N/A	Additional 3% (~1080) within 90 days, for 13% (~4680) total
Referendum	5% (~1800)	10% (~3600)
Procedures		
Budget Approval	Proposed by CFO, approved by Town Meeting	Proposed by Mayor, CFO approved by Council with restrictions
Legislative Financial Disclosures and Ethics Reporting	Conflict of interest bylaw for Town Meeting Members (awaiting AG approval)	Council members must follow Mass. law and file a statement of financial interest annually
Decision Reporting	Included in meeting minutes	Must be posted within 5 days
Charter Review Com.	N/A	11 Members Apt. by Council (3), School Com. (3), and Mayor (5)