



2020

## Important dates for petitioned zoning amendments

### November 11, 2019

FIRST day Town can accept  
petitioned zoning amendments

(120 days prior to Town Meeting, per NH RSA 675:4)

### December 11, 2019

LAST day Town can accept  
petitioned zoning amendments

(90 days prior to Town Meeting, per NH RSA 675:4)

### December 16, 2019

Planning Board will officially post list of  
petitions found to be in correct warrant  
form by the Town Council

(First regular Planning Board meeting after petition period)

### January 13, 2020

First Planning Board public hearing on  
proposed zoning amendments

### January 27, 2020

Final Planning Board public hearing  
on proposed zoning amendments

### February 4, 2020

Final form of zoning amendments is  
placed on file in Town Clerk's Office

(5th Tuesday prior to Town Meeting, per NH RSA 675:3)

### March 3, 2020

LAST day Town can accept Zoning  
Ordinance protest petitions

(7 days prior to Town Meeting, per NH RSA 675:5)

### March 10, 2020

### 2020 Bedford Town Meeting

## Important Terms

**Petitioned Zoning Amendments:** Twenty-five residents of Bedford may petition for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as outlined in [RSA 675:4](#). All such residents must be currently registered to vote in Bedford.

**Zoning Ordinance Protest Petitions:** Land owners impacted by a proposed zoning amendment may submit a protest petition to increase the margin of approval required from a simple majority to a 2/3 majority if either of the following criteria are met:

- The owners of 20% of the land impacted by the amendment sign the petition.
- The owners of 20% of the area within 100-feet of the area immediately adjacent to or across the street from the affected area sign the petition.

Protest petitions cannot be accepted for proposed zoning amendments that impact more than 1/3 of the Town's land area. Please see [RSA 675:5](#) for other requirements related to protest petitions.

Residents interested in submitting petitioned zoning amendments or protest petitions are welcome to contact the Bedford Planning Department with questions at (603) 472-5243.