

COMPARING FORMS OF GOVERNMENT THAT ARE OPTIONS FOR BOW

NH TOWN GOVERNMENT	Town Meeting?	Governing Body	Town Manager/Administrator	Ballot Voting?	Budget Committee?	Absentee voting?
Traditional Town Meeting	YES	SELECT BOARD	YES (optional)	Zoning + Candidates	YES (optional)	Zoning + Candidates
Official Ballot "SB2"	Deliberative session	SELECT BOARD	Optional	YES	Likely	YES
Custom Official Ballot Town Meeting	Charter	SELECT BOARD	Optional	Charter	Likely	Charter
Representative Town Meeting	Only for elected reps	SELECT BOARD	Optional	Candidates	Optional	Candidates
Town Council	NO	TOWN COUNCIL	YES	Candidates	Unlikely	Candidates
Official Ballot Town Council	Deliberative Session	TOWN COUNCIL	YES	Charter	Likely	Charter
Budgetary Town Meeting	Budget + Appropriations ONLY	SELECT BOARD -OR- TOWN COUNCIL	Optional	Candidates	Likely	Candidates

Optional Forms of Town Governance	Petition	Budget	Bond	Zoning	Land
Traditional Town Meeting	TM	TM	TM	OB	TM
Town Meeting w/Official Ballot SB2	DS/OB	DS/OB	DS/OB	DS/OB	DS/OB
Official Ballot Town Meeting	OB/TM**	OB/TM**	OB/TM**	OB/TM**	OB/TM**
Representative Town Meeting	RTM*	RTM*	RTM*	RTM*	RTM*
Town Council	OB/TC*	TC*	TC*	TC*	TC*
Official Ballot Town Council	OB/TC*	OB/TC*	OB/TC*	OB/TC*	OB/TC*
Budgetary Town Meeting	TC(SB)*	TM	TM	TC(SB)*	TM

- * - Charter defines which legislative body acts on each type of warrant article
- ** - Charter defines how voters will act on each type of warrant article

TM = Town Meeting	OB = Official Ballot	DS = Deliberative Session
TC = Town Council	RTM = Representative Town Meeting	SB = Select Board

For more information: <http://bownh.gov/822/Charter-Information-Committee>