

Budget Validation Referendum Timeline - 2010

Wednesday March 31	Town and School Budget presentation and Public Forum to seek public input and inquiries relative to the Fiscal Year 2011 Proposed Budget.
Monday April 26	The referendum warrants will be executed by the Council on April 26. The Council will need to schedule the statutory "budget meeting" to be held on June 1. The Council will also hold a public hearing as required by Section 502 of the Charter. [20-A M.R.S.A. § 1482-A(1)].
Tuesday April 27	The Town should start the process to print ballots. Public notice should be scheduled and implemented in accordance with statute for the June 1 BVR "Budget Meeting".
On or before: May 27	At least 7 days before the budget meeting the school committee shall make available to the legislative body responsible for final budget approval and residents of the school unit a detailed budget document The detailed budget document must include a summary of anticipated revenues and estimated school expenditures. [20-A M.R.S.A. § 1482(2)].
Tuesday June 1	Orders will be voted by the Town Council approving the budget as required by the statutory BVR process. [20-A M.R.S.A. § 1485, (3) 1486(1)(2)(3)] The school board shall provide printed information to be displayed at polling places to assist voters in voting. The warrant and absentee ballots must be delivered to the municipal clerk no later than the day after the date of the budget meeting. Absentee ballots received by the municipal clerk may not be processed or counted unless received on the day after the conclusion of budget meeting and before the close of the polls. All envelopes containing absentee ballots received before the day after the conclusion of budget meeting or after the close of the polls must be marked "rejected" by the municipal clerk.
Tuesday June 8	Referendum will be held at the Falmouth High School