

**TITLE LXIV PLANNING AND ZONING**  
**CHAPTER 673 LOCAL LAND USE BOARDS**  
**Appointment and Terms of Local Land Use Board Members**

**673:2 Planning Board. –**

I. (a) In cities

I-a. In cities with a city council-city manager form of government

I-b. In towns which operate under the town council form of government.....

II. In other towns, the planning board

shall consist of 5 or 7 members as determined by the local legislative body.

The membership

shall be filled by one of the following procedures:

(a) The selectmen

shall designate one selectman or administrative official of the town

as an ex officio member and

appoint 4 or 6 other persons

who are residents of the town, as appropriate; or

(b) The local legislative body

may decide,

by majority vote at the town meeting,

that planning board members

shall be elected

according to either the procedure in subparagraph (1) or in subparagraph (2).

The official ballot

shall be used

on every referendum

for the adoption of RSA 673:2, II(b)(1) or (2), and

every subsequent rescission of such adoption

pursuant to subparagraph (c).

The wording

on the official ballot of any referendum

for the adoption of RSA 673:2, II(b)(1) or (2)

shall specifically state

which procedure for electing planning board members

is being voted upon.

Following the majority vote at town meeting,

planning board members

shall be elected as follows:

(1) The selectmen

shall choose one selectman or

administrative official of the town

as an ex officio member and

the remaining planning board positions

shall be filled

at the next regular town election

pursuant to RSA 669:17.

Thereafter, a planning board member

shall be elected

for the term provided under RSA 673:5, II; or

(2) The selectmen shall choose one selectman or administrative official of the town as an ex officio member and the remaining planning board positions shall be filled on a staggered basis at the subsequent regular town elections pursuant to RSA 669:17 as the term of an appointed member expires, until each member of the board is an elected member. The maximum number of elections to occur annually shall be as provided in RSA 673:5, II. When each planning board member is an elected member, such member shall be elected for the term provided in RSA 673:5, II.

(c) A local legislative body which has voted to elect planning board members may, by majority vote at town meeting, decide to rescind that action and have the planning board appointed in the manner set forth in subparagraph (a). The vote to have planning board members so appointed shall take effect upon adoption by the town meeting, and the selectmen shall forthwith appoint members in accordance with RSA 673:5. The planning board shall, however, continue in existence, and the elected members in office at the time of the town meeting vote to appoint members may continue to serve until their successors are appointed and qualified.

III. In village districts.....

IV. In counties in which there are located unincorporated towns or unorganized places.....,