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Municipality	Final approval entity/entities (for significant assets*)	Care, Custody & Control Entity Involvement	Public notice/engagement	Reference
Dedham	Select Board	Yes, school and public library entities must approve first	Signed petition by 200 registered voters; 30 days public notice/comment period required	Public Property Naming Policy | Town of Dedham (dedham-ma.gov)
Wellesley	Town meeting	Yes, article sponsorship	Public hearing prior to town meeting	https://wellesleyma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1186/Naming-Policy-PDF
Sharon	Town Meeting (2/3 vote)	Historical Commission approval prior to town meeting	Part of usual town meeting process	https://ecode360.com/29563769
Brookline	Town Meeting	Yes, w/Parks & Recreation noted	Naming Committee guides process (w/public meetings); usual town meeting engagement	https://www.brooklinema.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4882/Naming-Committee-Guidelines-Voted-6-11-2013-PDF
Hingham	Town Meeting (for naming of town facility or land that is defined as significant based on measurements)	Yes, consulted	Requirement for public meeting to be "widely advertised" with 14 days advanced notice; appeals process established	Town-By-Laws-PDF (hingham-ma.gov) - Article 30 approved ATM 2023
Duxbury	Board of Selectmen, with exceptions for town care, custody, control entities	Yes, as noted	Signed petition by 75 registered voters; public hearing with 30 days notice/comment period; 15 days notice for selectmen meeting where name will be voted on	https://www.town.duxbury.ma.us/sites/g/files/vyhlif10506/f/uploads/public_property_naming_policy.pdf
Belmont	Board of Selectmen, with exceptions for town care, custody, control entities	Yes, as noted	Submission of written proposal; usual public body meeting notices 48 hours in advance	https://www.belmont-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif12826/f/uploads/naming_policy_-_final_11-05-2018_0.pdf
Maynard	Select Board	None	30 days public notice/comment period required	TOWN OF MAYNARD (townofmaynard-ma.gov)

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Wakefield	Town Council, Library Trustees, Municipal Gas & Light Dept.,School Committee	Yes, as noted	14 days public notice/comments required	asset-naming-policy-revised-2023-06-22.pdf (wakefield.ma.us)
Boxborough	Select Board w/control "under jurisdiction"	Yes, input sought from entities	Public notice 48 hours prior to meeting/voting	https://www.boxborough-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/631/Naming-Public-Facilities-Policy-PDF
Falmouth	Select Board	Yes, input solicited	No action taken for 1 year following proposal submission to allow for input/fairness, and public hearing	https://www.falmouthma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11223/Naming-Policy---2023-02-13

** "significant assets" is defined as buildings, parks, squares, parcels of land,or portions thereof owned by town. Benches, trees, gardens and other minimal property elements are typically exempt.*