

NHMA Perambulation Survey Data Tables

1. Are you familiar with the New Hampshire statutes (RSA 51) which describe the perambulation (walking) of municipal boundary lines?

Yes	88%
No	6%
Don't Know/Not Sure	7%

2. Among your municipality's employees, officials, departments, boards and commissions, which of these is charged with overseeing the perambulation of your boundary lines? [More than one choice allowed]

Board of Selectmen	76%
Town/City Manager/Administrator	24%
Public Works Department	8%
Conservation Commission	6%
Planning Board/Planning Director	6%
Administrative Assistant	4%
Other	11%
None of the above/No one is in charge	7%

4. Are the whereabouts of your municipality's perambulation records known?

1	Yes	82%
2	No	2%
3	Don't Know/Not Sure	16%

5. Where are these records kept? (Based on 92 "yes" respondents in Q. 4)

Town/City Hall/Office vault/safe/fire-proof box/filing cabinet	44%
Board of Selectmen Office	23%
Town/City Administrator/Manager Office	11%
Clerk Office	11%
DPW/Engineering/Road Agent	8%
Misc: Planning/Legal/Town Archives/Conservation Commission/Assessor	13%

6. Are the records available to the public?

Yes	95%
No	1%
Don't Know/Not Sure	4%

7. Within the last 7 years, have ALL, SOME, or NONE of your municipal boundary lines been walked?

All	14%
Some	55%
None	19%
Don't Know/Not Sure	13%

8. Have the details of your most recent perambulation(s) been filed with the New Hampshire Secretary of State or the State Archives?

Yes	45%
No	18%
Don't Know/Not Sure	37%

11. Are you aware of any conflicts or problems with your town's municipal boundaries? [For example, an abutting city/town may disagree on the precise location of a boundary; or, abutting municipalities may be issuing tax bills for the same parcel due to a boundary line dispute.]

Yes	5%
No	85%
Don't Know/Not Sure	11%

13. Historically, what have been the impediments or difficulties, if any, related to conducting regular perambulations of your municipal boundary lines?

1. Difficulty of coordinating with abutting municipalities	37%
2. Terrain/topography: swamp/ocean/river/water/slopes/mountains/woods	27%
3. Time/Scheduling constraints	24%
4. Lack of knowledge/lack of previous perambulation records	22%
5. Low priority/lack of interest	22%
6. Lack of volunteers/personnel	21%
7. Prefer GPS technology/methodology	17%
8. Costs/Budgetary constraints	14%
9. Weather	14%
10. Boundary markers old/difficult to locate/missing	12%