

Declaration of Second Recess and Continuance of Special Town Meeting

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 39, §10A, I hereby declare the Special Town Meeting originally scheduled for January 28, 2021 and recessed to February 25, 2021 to be further recessed and continued to March 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at 105 South Main Street, Middleton. M.G.L. Ch. 39, §10A mandates that the moderator “shall announce the declaration of recess and continuance as far in advance of the town meeting being continued as possible.”

Based on the ongoing State of Emergency and continuing public health concerns raised by Covid 19, including the current infection rates and limited access to vaccinations, I have determined that proceeding with the Special Town Meeting as scheduled would be imprudent and may pose a risk to voters wishing to attend. The Covid 19 public health crisis has resulted in difficulty locating an appropriate indoor meeting space and February winter weather conditions continue to preclude an outdoor meeting.

This declaration is made after consultation with members of the Middleton Board of Selectmen, the Middleton Director of Public Health, the Middleton Town Administrator and the Middleton Town Clerk. This declaration is also based upon my ongoing review of guidance issued by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regarding Town Meetings and other Federal, State and local Covid related advisories.

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 39, §10A, I do not have the authority to continue a Town Meeting for longer than 30 days from the date of recess, but I do have the authority to issue further continuances. As it is unlikely that the Covid 19 public health and safety emergency will have significantly abated in the next 30 days, I intend to declare additional continuances of up to 30 days each until the meeting can be held safely. I will consult with Town Officials as necessary when considering further deferrals.

Given at Middleton this 10th day of February, 2021,



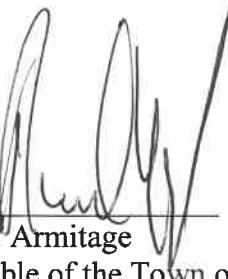
Barbara A. Piselli

Middleton Town Moderator

2021 FEB 10 AM 10:30
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
MIDDLETON, MA

Paul F. Armitage
Town of Middleton Constable
10 Meadow Drive
Middleton, MA 01949

On February 10, 2021, I have served the Declaration of Second Recess and Continuance of the Special Town Meeting for March 25, 2021, by posting attested printed copies thereof at Memorial Hall, the U.S. Post Office, Howe Station Market, Ferncroft Tower, Fuller Pond Village, and the Flint Public Library.



Paul F. Armitage
Constable of the Town of Middleton