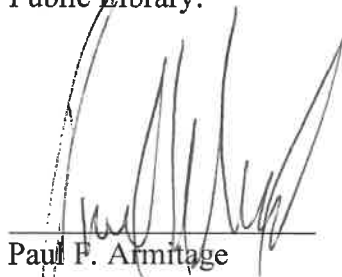


Paul F. Armitage  
Town of Middleton Constable  
10 Meadow Drive  
Middleton, MA 01949

On April 8, 2021, I have served the Declaration of Fourth Recess and Continuance of the Special Town Meeting for May 7, 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.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Paul F. Armitage', is written over a horizontal line.

Paul F. Armitage  
Constable of the Town of Middleton

## **Declaration of Fourth Recess and Continuance of Special Town Meeting**

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 39, §10A, I hereby declared the Special Town Meeting originally scheduled for January 28, 2021, recessed and continued to February 25, 2021 then recessed and continued to March 25, 2021, then recessed and continued to April 22, 2021 to be further recessed and continued to May 7, 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 requirements about social distancing, I have determined that proceeding with the Special Town Meeting as scheduled may still pose a risk to voters wishing to attend. The public health crisis has resulted in difficulty locating an appropriate indoor meeting space and uncertain early Spring weather conditions continue to preclude an outdoor meeting.

This declaration is made after consultation with members of the Middleton Board of Selectmen and other Town Officials. This declaration is also based upon my ongoing review of information issued by the Middleton Public Health Department, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health 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 if necessary. I will consult with Town Officials as appropriate when considering further deferrals.

Given at Middleton this 8th day of April, 2021,



Barbara A. Piselli

Middleton Town Moderator

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