

**DECLARATION OF RECESS AND CONTINUANCE  
OF**

**JULY 11, 2020 ANNUAL and SPECIAL TOWN MEETING @ 9:00am**  
*(Originally scheduled for March 14, 2020, continued until May 2, 2020, and then continued until June 13, 2020) and*

**JULY 11, 2020 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING @ 1:15pm**  
*(Originally scheduled for March 16, 2020, continued until April 13, 2020, and then continued until June 13, 2020)*

This Declaration is being issued pursuant to the authority vested in the Town Moderator by the provisions of G.L. c. 39, §10A.

I hereby provide notice to the Town of Duxbury that I have determined that it is in the public's interest, due to the public health and safety risks posed by the novel coronavirus COVID-19, to recess and continue the July 11, 2020, Annual and Special Town Meetings until Saturday, August 1, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. for the Annual Town Meeting and at 9:10 a.m. for the Special Town Meeting at the Duxbury High School Gymnasium located at 71 Alden Street, Duxbury, MA.

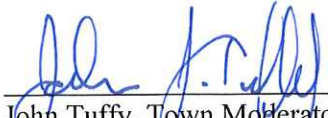
Further, I hereby provide notice to the Town of Duxbury that I have determined that it is in the public's interest, due to the public health and safety risks posed by the novel coronavirus COVID-19, to recess and continue the July 11, 2020 Special Town Meeting (Temple Street property) scheduled for 1:15pm until Saturday, August 1, 2020, at 12 Noon at the Duxbury High School Gymnasium at 71 Alden Street, Duxbury, MA.

I have issued this Declaration after careful and considerable deliberation about the implications of the rapid spread of the disease, present lack of containment, and risk to most vulnerable populations inherent in public gatherings at this time. Various professional sports leagues, universities, school districts, cultural institutions and events, and more, have been cancelled, closed, or temporarily suspended normal operations. Similarly, various public and private entities have significantly restricted operations in response to the continued spread of the virus. Based upon the recommendations from the Governor, among others, that large gatherings be avoided, and the declaration of a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth, I consulted with public safety officials, the Board of Health, and members of the Select Board and reviewed guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A significant consideration in this decision includes the important role of Town Meeting as the legislative body of the Town, and my obligation to ensure that all who wish to participate are able, particularly, vulnerable members of our community.

Being respectful of the health, safety and wellbeing of all of the voters of the Town, therefore, I have determined in accord with G.L. c.39, §10A that the rapidly evolving situation involving COVID-19 will mean that some voters will be unable to attend the July 11, 2020 Annual and Special Town Meeting scheduled for 9:00am as well as the July 11, 2020, Special Town Meeting scheduled for 1:15pm and that they will therefore be deprived of the opportunity to participate in such meeting. A delay at this time will avoid forcing voters to choose between participating in the Town Meeting and managing their health in a manner most appropriate for them.

To provide as much advance notice as possible, and in order to allow the Town the greatest period of time to evaluate the situation, this formal Declaration, will be deemed to be issued and take effect on July 11, 2020 at 1:15pm, the re-scheduled date for the Special Town Meeting, and on July 11, 2020 at 9:00am, the re-scheduled date of the Annual and Special Town Meeting.

Please contact the Town Manager's office with any further questions at [read@town.duxbury.ma.us](mailto:read@town.duxbury.ma.us)

  
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John Tuffy, Town Moderator  
Town of Duxbury, MA

July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 1:00 am/pm