



TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY

K.C. Swallow
Town Moderator

381 Main Street
West Newbury, MA 01985

May 21, 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 West Newbury 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 June 1, 2020 Annual Town Meeting and June 1 Special Town Meeting until 10:00 AM on June 27, 2020 at the Town Office Complex, 379 Main Street, West Newbury, MA

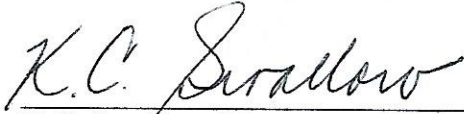
I am making this Declaration after careful and considerable deliberation of our current situation. I have reviewed Governor Baker's March 10, 2020 Declaration of a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth along with the current guidance for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). I have also consulted with the Board of Selectmen, public safety officials, the Board of Health, the Town Manager and the Town Clerk. Of special note is the current guidance for people to avoid large gatherings. I recognize that voters do not want to choose between their right to participate in the Town Meeting and managing their health in a manner most appropriate for them.

Given the important role of Town Meeting as the legislative body of the Town and my obligation to ensure that those who wish to participate are able to participate, I have concluded that the delaying of the Annual Town Meeting and the Special Town Meeting is in the best interest of the Town and its citizens.

In accordance with the recent amendments to G.L. c. 39 §10A, this notice shall be filed with the Town Clerk and then posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public in the front lobby of the 1910 Office Building, 381 Main Street which is available at all hours. This notice shall also be posted by a constable in accordance with the Bylaws of the Town of West Newbury and posted on the Town website and social media accounts.

Declaration of Town Moderator

Within ten days of this declaration, the Board of Health shall submit a justification of this declaration to the Attorney General of the Commonwealth in accordance with G.L. c. 39 §10A(c).

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "K.C. Swallow".

K.C. Swallow, West Newbury Town Moderator

cc: Board of Selectmen
Town Manager
Town Clerk
Finance Committee