

DECLARATION OF FURTHER RECESS AND CONTINUANCE
OF
APRIL 4, 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
(previously recessed and continued May 2, 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 Nantucket 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 further recess and continue the April 4, 2020 Annual Town Meeting (previously recessed and continued as of April 4, 2020 to May 2, 2020) from Saturday, May 2, 2020, until **Saturday, May 30, 2020, at 9:00 A.M. at the Mary P. Walker Auditorium at the Nantucket High School, 10 Surfside Road, Nantucket, Massachusetts 02554.**

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, 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 recessed and continued April 4, 2020 Town Meeting on May 2, 2020, 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 May 2, 2020, the currently scheduled date of the previously extended and continued Annual Town Meeting.

Please contact the Town Manager's office with any further questions at 508-228-7255.



Sarah F. Alget, Town Moderator

April 30, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.