

NOTICE OF REMOTE TOWN MEETING ISSUED BY THE NATICK SELECT BOARD

August X, 2020

Dear Town Meeting Member, Town Officials, residents and interested parties,

I wish all the best to you and yours during these challenging days.

One of the challenges that we face is how to conduct our Town Meeting safely and efficiently during this global pandemic.

Frank Foss, our Town Moderator, has determined that due to the public health and safety risks posed by the novel coronavirus COVID-19 Town Meeting Members, residents and interested parties may be unable to attend the Natick's 2020 Fall Annual Town Meeting, as originally scheduled for October 20, 2020 at 7:30 P.M. at the Wilson Middle School. Therefore, Mr. Foss requested that Town Meeting be held remotely, as it was in the spring. The Moderator's full recommendation, which includes information about the technology selected for the Remote Town Meeting, is included with this Notice.

The Select Board agrees, and has approved a resolution for the Town of Natick to conduct a **Remote Town Meeting on October 20, 2020 beginning at 7:30 P.M., by means of an online video conferencing system known as Zoom Webinar**, as requested by the Town Moderator, in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 2 of the legislation related to municipal governance during the COVID-19 emergency (Senate bill number 2680), which has been enacted by the Massachusetts General Court, signed by Governor Baker, and codified as Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2020.

If Town Meeting votes not to allow a remote Town Meeting, then immediately following that vote, the remote Town Meeting will be adjourned to Saturday October 24, at 1:00 PM, in the Natick High School gymnasium, or another convenient date.

As with the 2020 Spring Annual Town Meeting, Town Meeting Members and Town Officials, should be on the lookout in your postal mail for instructions and information about Natick's Zoom Webinar-based Town Meeting and required training sessions on how to use the Zoom platform to conduct a remote town meeting. In addition, should you desire to receive such information by email please request such at moderator@natickma.org or townclerk@natickma.org. Finally, general information and instructions will be posted on the Natick Web Site at www.natickma.gov

If you are not a Town Meeting Member, but still wish to witness deliberations, you may watch the proceedings live on Natick's Government Access Channel, Comcast Channel 9, RCN Channel 15 or Verizon Channel 28. Any resident or interested party, who is not a Town Meeting Member may not vote on matters considered Town Meeting, may be recognized to address Town Meeting provided that the voter has obtained permission from the Moderator in advance of the particular Town Meeting session.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to attend and/or participate in this meeting, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact [insert name], Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, by telephone at 508-[insert number]. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711.

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On behalf of the Select Board, I look forward to your attendance at this important Remote Town Meeting and I thank you for your service to the Town.

Best regards,

Jonathan Freedman
Chair
Natick Select Board

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