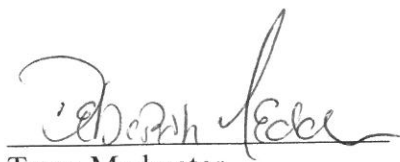


**THIRD DECLARATION OF RECESS AND CONTINUANCE
OF
2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING and MARCH 31, 2020 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

This Third Declaration of Recess and Continuance is being issued pursuant to the authority vested in the Town Moderator by the provisions of G.L. c. 39, §10A, as amended by Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020. I hereby provide notice to the Town of Tisbury that I have determined that it continues to be 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 2020 Annual Town Meeting and the March 31, 2020 Special Town Meeting, which I had previously recessed and continued to April 30, 2020, and then to May 30, 2020, until Saturday, June 13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Tisbury School playground, 40 West William Street.

I issue this Third Declaration after continued and careful consideration about the implications of the spread of the disease, and risk to the most vulnerable populations inherent in public gatherings at this time, and in light of the continued restrictions and limitations on non-essential businesses under orders of the Governor and the fact that various public and private entities have significantly restricted operations in response to the continued spread of the virus, but also with recognition of the Governor's executive order of May 18, 2020 Implementing a Phased Reopening of Workplaces and Imposing Workplace Safety Measures to Address COVID-19 (COVID-19 Order No. 33). Based upon the orders and recommendations of the Governor, among others, and the continuing existence of a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth, I have consulted with public safety officials, the Board of Health, and members of the Board of Selectmen, and reviewed guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and I have determined, in accord with G.L. c.39, §10A, that an additional delay of the Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting currently recessed and continued to May 30, 2020 and the designation of an outdoor venue for those meetings are appropriate means of addressing the health and safety of persons and property, in light of present public health circumstances in the Commonwealth and on the island of Martha's Vineyard related to COVID-19.

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 to do so, particularly, vulnerable members of our community.


Town Moderator

26 July, 2020 at 4:45 am/pm