

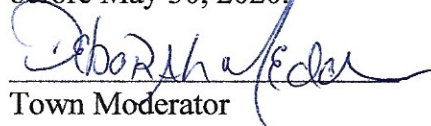
**SECOND DECLARATION OF RECESS AND CONTINUANCE
OF
2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING and MARCH 31, 2020 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

This Second 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, until 7:00 p.m. on May 30, 2020 at the Tisbury School Gymnasium-Auditorium, 40 West William Street.

I issue this Second Declaration after careful consideration about the implications of the rapid spread of the disease, present lack of containment, and risk to the most vulnerable populations inherent in public gatherings at this time, and in light of the facts that the Governor has ordered that non-essential businesses close to the public until at least May 4, 2020 and that all elementary and secondary schools close until June 29, 2020, that on March 13, 2020 the Board of Selectmen voted to suspend all public meetings and/or gatherings in municipal public spaces until May 1, 2020, and that various public and private entities have significantly restricted operations in response to the continued spread of the virus. Based upon the orders and recommendations of the Governor, among others, that gatherings of more than 10 persons are prohibited, and the declaration 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 the ongoing COVID-19 virus outbreak, including the continuing threat to the health and safety of persons and property, will mean that some voters will be unable to attend the Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting currently recessed and continued to April 30, 2020, and that they will therefore be deprived of the opportunity to participate in such meetings. A further delay at this time will avoid forcing voters to choose between participating in the Town Meetings and managing their health in a manner most appropriate for them.

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.

Since, under G.L. c. 39, §10A, Town Meeting may only be continued for up to thirty (30) days at a time, and in order to provide as much advance notice as possible and to allow the Town the greatest period of time to continue to evaluate the situation, this Second Declaration will be deemed to be issued and to take effect on April 30, 2020, the current rescheduled date of the Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting. In addition, given present and anticipated future circumstances, I advise that I expect to be issuing a further declaration to continue these Town Meetings, to Saturday, June 13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Tisbury School playground, 40 West William Street. Any further declaration will be issued on or before May 30, 2020.


Town Moderator

28 April, 2020 at 6:30 pm