



## TOWN AND COUNTY OF NANTUCKET

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Dear Voter:

The 2020 Annual Town Meeting (ATM), originally scheduled for April 4, 2020, has been rescheduled for **Thursday, June 25, 2020**, beginning at 5:00 pm at the Nantucket High School. Postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Select Board and Town Administration have planned a “pared down” ATM focused on critical issues needed to keep the Town operating.

You will be receiving your 2020 ATM Warrant with Motions very shortly. (It is dated April 4, 2020 because it was already printed when the pandemic took over.) Please keep the warrant if you are planning to attend Town Meeting and bring it with you. We will have extra warrants on hand; however, for sanitary purposes it would be better if you brought yours with you.

There are going to be some changes with Town Meeting this year, as follows:

1. Of the 117 articles on the warrant, the Town has identified 29 of them to be essential to Town operations. Some of these essential articles will require revised motions due to budget changes being implemented for FY 2021 because of the economic impact of COVID-19 and uncertainty with respect to revenue projections. These modifications are in the process of being completed, will be posted on-line when ready, and projected on a screen at the Town Meeting.
2. The goal is to reduce the amount of time voters are together in an enclosed space(s). The usual “Call” of the articles will occur at the beginning of the meeting, following review of the Revised Motions. Any uncalled articles will be voted on, as recommended by the Finance Committee and/or Planning Board. It is anticipated that there will be a motion put forward by the Select Board to “Pass Over” any non-essential articles that are called, with a commitment to put those articles on the next special or annual town meeting warrant.
3. We are working hard to ensure that the Town Meeting will be held as safely as possible. Safety measures will include: required face coverings; designation of specific entrance/exit routes; hand sanitizing stations; seating with social distancing – there will be fewer seats available in the Mary P. Walker Auditorium and the NHS gym. We have been utilizing the Massachusetts Moderators Association “Planning Guide for Town Meeting During a Pandemic” as well as input from the Town’s Public Health Director in our planning process.
4. Two Pre-Town Meeting Forums have been scheduled, for Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> (5:00 pm) and Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup> (5:00 pm) on Zoom. We will discuss the plan for Town Meeting as well as take questions. The Forums will be moderated by the Nantucket Civic League. Information as to how to register to attend may be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-sgxA1fdoxteLNzRAUHxA>. The Forums will be recorded and may also be reviewed on the Nantucket Government TV YouTube channel.

Please feel free to call 508-228-7255 with any questions about this, or email [TownManager@nantucket-ma.gov](mailto:TownManager@nantucket-ma.gov).

Thank you.

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