

DECLARATION OF RECESS AND CONTINUANCE

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 39, §10A, I declare the Ashland Special Town Meeting scheduled for December 8, 2020 recessed and continued, this 1st day of December 2020. In consultation with the Select Board and the Board of Health, I have determined that a public health emergency exists which may prevent voters from safely attending the meeting on December 8th.

The nature of the emergency is the outbreak of the 2019 novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) which requires the use of the high school gymnasium to safely hold Special Town Meeting. Given that the gymnasium is also being used to hold classes on Tuesdays, it would not be able to be made ready for use by the original posted time and date for Special Town Meeting.

M.G.L. Ch. 39, §10A mandates that the moderator “shall announce the declaration of recess and continuance as far in advance of the town meeting being continued as possible.” It also requires that a town meeting recessed pursuant to this statute “shall be convened by the moderator not later than 30 days following the date and time of the moderator’s original announcement of the declaration of recess and continuance.” I therefore declare that the continued date of the Special Town Meeting shall be **December 9, 2020**, to convene at **6:00 p.m.** at the Ashland High School.

Given at Ashland at
10:30 a.m. this 1st day of December, 2020.



Adam B. Shuster
Town Moderator
Ashland