



Dear Hanover Residents:

In light of the COVID 19 pandemic and the state of emergency declared by the Governor, and in consultation with other town officials, I have determined that the potential for transmission of COVID-19 may expose Town Meeting participants and observers to unacceptable risk on May 12, 2020. Therefore, I am exercising my authority as Town Moderator under RSA 40:4 to CONTINUE the business portion of the Hanover Town Meeting from May 12, 2020 to Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Hanover High School Gymnasium. We will still use the May 12, 2020 date as the deadline for all zoning, budget, bond and other required hearings.

In order to keep the business portion and the ballot voting portion of our Town Meeting on the same day, I am also using my statutory authority as moderator to CONTINUE the ballot voting portion of the Hanover Town Meeting until Tuesday, May 26, 2020. State law requires that I officially make this decision every two weeks until the actual meeting, so you will periodically see new notices of this aspect of the continuance. We apologize in advance if that seems confusing, but the statute did not contemplate the kind of lengthy risk we are presently facing and it only permits continuances of the ballot voting for two weeks at a time. Rest assured that the actual ballot voting will take place on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 in the Hanover High School Gymnasium from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Please note that the Secretary of State and Attorney General have now approved the use of absentee ballots for the official ballot portion of Town Meeting for any voter who is concerned about coming out to vote in light of COVID-19. Town officials are also reviewing all options available to us to ensure that we conduct a legal Town Meeting while maximizing the safety and security of our residents, up and including a virtual Business Meeting with online voting for those who do not want to attend the meeting in person. We will keep the public apprised of our efforts over the next several weeks.

These are extraordinary steps and we do not take them lightly. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in these times. We are in close contact with State health officials, the Secretary of State, and the Attorney General and will continue to update residents as we learn more. Please

do not hesitate to contact me at [jeggleton@orr-reno.com](mailto:jeggleton@orr-reno.com), or Town Manager Julia Griffin at [Julia.Griffin@hanovernh.org](mailto:Julia.Griffin@hanovernh.org), with any questions or concerns regarding these decisions.

Sincerely,

Town Moderator Jeremy Eggleton