## Notice of Declaration of Recess and Continuance of Wakefield Annual Town Meeting

Whereas, on March 10, 2020, Governor Baker declared a state of emergency to exist in Massachusetts on account of the COVID-19 pandemic, which state of emergency has continued to the present; and

Whereas, the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Wakefield (the "Town") was scheduled by the Town Council to commence on Monday, June 8, 2020, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Galvin Middle School, 525 Main Street, Wakefield, Massachusetts; and

Whereas, recent public health data indicate continued improvement in key areas of measurement as a result of the extraordinary efforts of health care providers in the Commonwealth, making it likely that with continued improvement more residents of the Town will feel safe in attending the Annual Town Meeting if it is postponed; and

Whereas, it is desirable to move the location of the Annual Town Meeting to a larger venue where greater social distancing can occur and to reschedule it to commence on a Saturday morning in the hope that it might be completed in a single session; and

Whereas, G.L. c. 39, § 10A, as amended by Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, permits me, as Moderator, in consultation with the Town Council and the Health Director of the Town, to recess and continue a town meeting previously called to a date, time and place certain, on account of the said public health emergency; and

Whereas, the Town Council and the Town's Health Director have conferred with me and concur in my decision set forth below;

Now, therefore, the undersigned, being the duly elected and incumbent Moderator of the Town, hereby declares as follows:

- 1. The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Wakefield is hereby recessed and continued to Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 9 a.m. at the Field House of Wakefield Memorial High School, 60 Farm Street, Wakefield, Massachusetts.
- 2. I reserve the right, pursuant to the said G.L. c. 39, § 10A, to renew this declaration of recess and continuance for one or more periods of up to 30 days at a time, should I determine, in consultation with the Town Council and the Town's Health Director, that the circumstances warrant it.

Witness my hand and seal this 3d day of June, 2020 at noon.

William H. Carroll, Esq.

Town Moderator

TOWN CLERK WATER ILD, MA

## 2020 JJK -4 AM 7: 29 **RETURN OF SERVICE**

I, Constable Kevin Lopes hereby certify that I have posted the June  $20^{th}$ , 2020 Annual Town Meeting Declaration of Recess and Continuance on JUNE 3, 2020

Received by: