

## TOWN MODERATOR DECLARATION

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020 Governor Baker issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency so as to respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic in the Commonwealth, which declaration remains in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2020, the Auburn Board of Selectmen in response to COVID-19 concerns voted unanimously, pursuant to the authority granted to them by M.G.L. c.39, §9 to delay the Auburn Town Meeting from Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 7PM, as originally scheduled, to Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at the same time; and

WHEREAS, M.G.L. c.39, §10A, as amended by Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, provides that the Town Moderator, in consultation with local public safety or public health officials and the Board of Selectmen may recess and continue a meeting previously called pursuant to a warrant to a time, date and place certain;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN that pursuant to the authority vested in me by M.G.L. c.39, §10A, as amended, I hereby declare as follows:

1. In consultation with local public safety and public health officials and the Board of Selectmen, I hereby recess the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for June 2, 2020 at 7PM at the Auburn High School Auditorium and continue such meeting to June 2, 2020 at 6PM at the Auburn High School Football Field.

5-21-20  
Date

Chester S. Stencel, Jr.  
Chester S. Stencel, Jr. Town Moderator



**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**TOWN OF AUBURN**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**MEETING – June 2, 2020**

**ELECTION - May 19, 2020**

**Worcester, ss.**

To any of the constables in the Town of Auburn, in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to warn the inhabitants of the Town of Auburn qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the High School in Auburn, the second day of June, 2020, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, to act upon the following articles.

**Article 1.** To hear the reports of the Finance Committee, other Town Officers and Committees; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Moderator

**Article 2.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to fix the salary and compensation of elected Town Officers; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Town Manager

**Article 3.** To determine what sums of money the Town Meeting will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide for and appropriate, to defray charges and expenses of the Town including debt and interest, and to provide for a reserve fund, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Finance Committee

**Article 4.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to approve a Capital Improvement Budget for Fiscal Year 2021; to determine what sums of money will be raised by taxation and appropriated, transferred from available funds, acquired by lease purchase contract, authorized to be borrowed, or otherwise provided for, to fund the Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Improvement Budget; to determine under whose direction the expenditure of said funds will be made; and to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time for notes, bonds, or notes in anticipation of bonds or revenues, to be payable in not more than the term provided by law; said borrowed funds not to exceed such sums as the Town may vote, and any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Finance Committee

**Article 5.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue to be received during the financial year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 and to issue a note or notes that may be given for a period of less than one year; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Town Treasurer

**Article 6.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit applications for any available State or Federal funds, including Department of Elder Affairs Formula Grant Funds, which funds the Board determines to be beneficial to the Town, and to authorize the expenditure of any money received as a result of said applications; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Board of Selectmen

**Article 7.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell at public auction, or by sealed bid, or at assessed value under special circumstances, any properties which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through tax title foreclosure proceedings and to sign, acknowledge and deliver in the name and under the seal of the Town deeds therefore; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Board of Selectmen

**Article 8.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into compensatory balance agreements during fiscal year 2021 as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F, or any other enabling statute; if voted this would permit the Treasurer to maintain specific sums of money and deposit in banks in return for banking services; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Town Treasurer

**Article 9.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to establish or renew revolving funds for various town and school programs in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53D and Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Town Manager

**Article 10.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for the construction and maintenance of public Highways for the period commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Town Manager

**Article 11.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to appropriate from available funds a sum of money if it becomes available from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Chapter 90 Bond issue proceeds to be used for the repair and maintenance of Town roads in conformance with the Massachusetts General Laws; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Town Manager

**Article 12.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to appropriate \$500,000.00 to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Town Manager

**Article 13.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to appropriate \$150,000.00 from Medicaid Receipts within the General Fund Revenues to the Auburn School Department Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 to fund supplies and medical, therapeutic and educational services for significantly disabled special needs students as well as tuition and transportation to and from outside placements or within the District for special needs students; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Auburn School Committee

**Article 14.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to appropriate \$7,117.80, which is the interest earned by the Auburn High School Gymnasium Health and Recreational Trust Fund to offset School Department costs at Auburn High School in support of community health and recreational activities at Auburn High School gymnasium and related facilities and equipment; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Auburn School Committee

**Article 15.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to appropriate \$3,000.00 from McKinney-Vento Receipts within the General Fund Revenues to the Auburn School Department Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 to fund transportation for students to and from school who have become homeless during the Fiscal Year, or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Auburn School Committee

**Article 16.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to authorize the Superintendent of the Auburn Public Schools, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into Memorandum(s) of Understanding ("MOU") with the Department of Children and Families, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in order to obtain Federal Title IV-E reimbursement(s) as a result of the foster care transportation being performed without appropriation of said reimbursement(s), pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 70; or to act on anything relative thereto.

By the Auburn School Committee

**Article 17.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to re-purpose CIP Funds by amending Article 3, of the May 2015 Annual Town Meeting, Central Administration Building Rehab, (Acct. #302016-581638) as follows: Authorize the amount of \$45,000.00, originally intended to be used for window replacement at the Central Office Administration Building to now be used towards the procurement of a new District truck for the School Department; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Auburn School Committee

**Article 18.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to repurpose CIP funds by amending Article 17, of the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting, Central Administration Building Rehab, (Acct. #302014-581467) as follows: Authorize the balance in this account of \$3,862.00, which was originally appropriated for window replacement at the Central Office Administration Building, to now be used towards the procurement of a new District truck for the School Department; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Auburn School Committee

**Article 19.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause Fifth C to allow for an exemption of the real and personal estate belonging to, or held in trust for the benefit of incorporated organizations of veterans of any war in which the United States has been engaged to the extent of \$1,500,000, if used and occupied by such association, and if the net income from the property is used for charitable purposes; or act on anything relative thereto.

By Veterans Advisory Committee

**Article 20.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to appropriate \$1,600.00 from general fund revenues for the purchase of Narcan; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Chief of Police

**Article 21.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to appropriate \$25,000.00 from general fund revenues for the care and maintenance of the Julia Bancroft School building; or act an anything relative thereto.

By the Town Manager

**Article 22.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41 Section 19H, which reads as follows: "Notwithstanding the limitation contained in section nineteen G, in a city or town which accepts this section the total amount of additional compensation payable to its clerk who also serves as a member of its board of registrars of voters shall not exceed two thousand dollars"; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Town Clerk

**Article 23.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to amend the Section 2.04 of the Auburn General By-laws entitled 'Presiding Officer' by adding a new subsection (2), which shall read as follows:

2.04: Presiding Officer

- (2) On matters requiring a two-thirds vote by statute a count need not be taken unless the vote so declared is immediately questioned by seven or more voters.

; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Town Moderator

**Article 24.** To see if Town Meeting will vote to accept a permanent, non-exclusive access easement for vehicular and pedestrian traffic to pass and re-pass over and upon that portion of land consisting of 4,213 sq. ft. more or less and labeled 'Proposed Access Easement' (the "Access Easement Area") shown on a Draft Plan, entitled "Easement Plan" dated March 11, 2020 and prepared for Pennrose Properties, LLC by Nitsch Engineering, a copy of which has been submitted to Town Meeting Members and is on file with the Auburn Town Clerk. Acceptance of this access easement as proposed, shall be made upon such terms and conditions that the Town Manager shall solely determine in the best interest of the Town but which, at minimum, shall include a condition that Pennrose Properties, LLC, its designee, successors and assigns, shall be obligated to maintain in good condition and repair the Access Easement Area as needed from time to time without cost or expense to the Town of Auburn; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Town Manager

**Article 25.** To see if Town Meeting will vote to grant a permanent, non-exclusive, parking and utility easement to Pennrose Properties, LLC, or its designees, for parking use and to permit the installation of, connection to, and discharge of stormwater into, a groundwater recharge system within that portion of land consisting of 3,752 sq. ft. more or less and labeled 'Proposed Parking and Utility Easement' (the "Easement Area") on a Draft Plan entitled "Easement Plan' dated March 11, 2020 and prepared for Pennrose Properties, LLC by Nitsch Engineering, a copy of which has been submitted to Town Meeting Members and is on file with the Auburn Town Clerk. Granting of this Parking and Utility Easement shall be made upon such terms and conditions that the Town Manager shall solely determine are in the best interest of the Town but which, at minimum, shall include a condition that Pennrose Properties, LLC, its designee, successors and assigns, shall be obligated to maintain in good condition and repair the Easement Area as needed from time to time without cost or expense to the Town of Auburn; and further that the Board of Selectmen and/or the Town Manager are authorized to execute any and all documents required by law for such conveyance; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Town Manager

**Article 26.** To see if Town Meeting will vote to grant a permanent, non-exclusive landscaping and maintenance easement to Pennrose Properties, LLC, or its designee, consisting of 2,300 sq. ft. more or less, and labeled 'Proposed Landscaping and Maintenance Easement' (the "Easement Area") on a Draft Plan entitled "Easement Plan' dated March 11, 2020 and prepared for Pennrose Properties, LLC by Nitsch Engineering, a copy of which has been submitted to Town Meeting Members and is on file with the Auburn Town Clerk. Granting of this Landscaping and Maintenance Easement shall be made upon such terms and conditions that the Town Manager shall solely determine are in the best interest of the Town but which, at minimum, shall include a condition that Pennrose Properties, LLC, its designee, successors and assigns, shall be obligated to maintain in good condition and repair the Easement Area as needed from time to time without cost or expense to the Town of Auburn; and further that the Board of Selectmen and/or the Town Manager are authorized to execute any and all documents required by law for such a conveyance; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Town Manager

**Article 27.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to appropriate \$25,000 from sewer retained earnings to replace the sewer channel grinder at the Pinrock pump station; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Sewer Superintendent and DPW Director

**Article 28.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to amend Article 16 of the 2004 Fall Town Meeting as follows: Delete the balance of funds of \$16,858.45 to install biofilter air filtration system at the Pinrock pump station and add \$16,858.45 to replace the sewer channel grinder at Pinrock pump station; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Sewer Superintendent and DPW Director

**Article 29.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to authorize the borrowing of \$300,000 to replace the sewer main located under the Bancroft Street bridge over the Massachusetts Turnpike; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Sewer Superintendent and DPW Director

**Article 30.** To see if the Town Meeting will vote to appropriate \$3,000 from the Expendable Trust/Cemetery Perpetual Care Account to replace hazardous trees that were removed; or act on anything relative thereto.

By the Cemetery Superintendent and DPW Director

**BALLOT OPENINGS 2020  
TOWN OF AUBURN  
ANNUAL ELECTION MAY 19, 2020**

On Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at eight o'clock AM to elect by Official Ballot the following Town Officers and Committees for the following terms of offices as provided by the Charter, March 10, 1969, under General Laws, Chapter 43B Section (9c).

One Auburn Housing Authority Member for	Five Years
One Auburn Housing Authority Member for	Three Years
One Auburn Housing Authority Member for	Two Years
Two Library Trustees, Auburn Free Public Library for	Three Years
One Library Trustee, Auburn Free Public Library for	One Year
One Moderator for	One Year
Two School Committee Members for	Three Years
Two Board of Selectmen Members for	Three Years
One Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School Member for	Three Years

**TOWN MEETING MEMBERS**

Precinct One	8 to be elected for	Three Years
Precinct Two	8 to be elected for	Three Years
Precinct Three	8 to be elected for	Three Years
Precinct Four	8 to be elected for	Three Years
Precinct Five	8 to be elected for	Three Years

**Question:**

Shall the town vote to accept the provisions of section nineteen B of chapter forty-one of the General Laws and thereby provide permanent tenure for Debra A. Gremo, the present incumbent in the office of the town clerk?

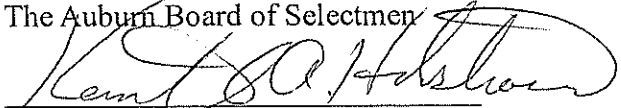
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NO

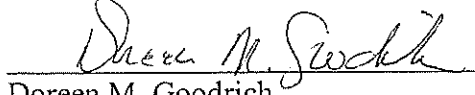
And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, the Auburn Free Public Library, Dooley's Store, Stoneville Heights, The Lorraine Gleick Nordgren Senior Center, Law Offices Philip D. O'Connell, Jr., Uncle Chuck's Pizza, Auburn Auto Body Shop, Park 'N Shop, and Lan's Barber Shop, which shall constitute at least two conspicuous places in each precinct at least seven days before the time of said Town Meeting. Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.


Given under our hand on this the 13 day of April 2020

The Auburn Board of Selectmen

  
Kenneth A. Holstrom, Chairman

  
Daniel S. Carpenter, Vice Chairman

  
Doreen M. Goodrich

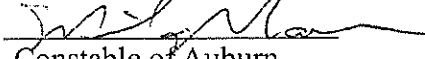
  
Lionel R. Berthiaume

  
Tristan J. Laliberte

Officers Return of Service

I hereby certify that I have served this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, the Auburn Free Public Library, Dooley's Store, Stoneville Heights, The Lorraine Gleick Nordgren Senior Center, Law Offices Philip D. O'Connell, Jr., Uncle Chuck's Pizza, Auburn Auto Body Shop, Park 'N Shop, and Lan's Barber Shop, which shall constitute at least two conspicuous places in each precinct at least seven days before the time of said Town Meeting.

5-12-20  
Date

Attest   
Constable of Auburn

Attest:   
Town Clerk of Auburn