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***DUDLEY TOWN MODERATOR
THIRD NOTICE OF INTENT TO DECLARE RECESS AND CONTINUANCE
OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING***

This Third Notice of Intent to Declare Recess and Continue the Dudley Special Town Meeting is being issued pursuant to the authority vested in the Town Moderator by the provisions of G.L. c. 39, §10A, as amended by Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, "An Act to Address Challenges Faced by Municipalities and State Authorities Resulting from COVID-19." I hereby provide notice to the Town of Dudley that I have determined that it continues to be in the public's interest, due to the public health and safety risks posed by the novel coronavirus COVID-19, including the immediate threat to the health and safety of persons and property, to consider the further recess and continuance of the June 17, 2020 Special Town Meeting, which I had previously recessed and continued.

I issue this Third Notice of Intent after careful and considerable deliberation about the implications of the rapid spread of the disease, present lack of containment, and risk to the most vulnerable populations inherent in public gatherings. The Governor has ordered non-essential businesses to close to the public, all elementary and secondary schools are closed at least until the end of the school year and various public and private entities have significantly restricted operations in response to the continued spread of the virus. Based upon the orders and/or recommendations from the Governor, among others, that gatherings require social distancing protocols and the required use of PPE, and the declaration of a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth, I consulted with public safety officials, the Board of Health, and members of the Board of Selectmen and reviewed guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Town meeting is the legislative body of the Town, and as Moderator, it is my obligation to ensure that all who wish to participate in Town Meeting are able, particularly, vulnerable members of our community.

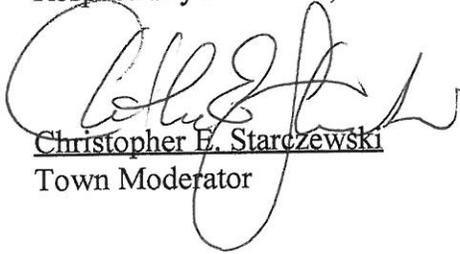
Being respectful of the health, safety and wellbeing of all of the voters of the Town, and acknowledging the authority vested in the Town Moderator pursuant to G.L. c.39, §10A, as amended, I have determined in accord with G.L. c.39, §10A that the ongoing COVID-19 virus outbreak, including the continuing threat to the health and safety of persons and property, will mean that some voters will be unable to attend the Special Town Meeting originally scheduled for March 30, 2020 and previously recessed and continued until April 17, 2020, and then again until May 18, 2020 and then again until June 17, 2020, and that they will therefore be deprived of the opportunity to participate in such meeting. A further delay at

this time will avoid forcing voters to choose between participating in the Town Meeting and managing their health in a manner most appropriate for them.

Since Town Meeting can only be continued for up to thirty (30) days at a time, the Special Town Meeting will be further rescheduled for June 22, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the auditorium of Shepherd Hill Regional High School, Dudley, MA, to coincide with the Annual Town Meeting.

Please contact the Town Administrator's office with any further questions at 508-949-8001.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher E. Starczewski
Town Moderator

June 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.