

# Town Meeting Scenarios

## Important Dates to Remember:

**Warrant Hearing: No less 30 days prior to ATM (Charter)**

**Warrant Mailed: In hands no less than 7 days prior to ATM (Charter)**

## Scenario 1: Town Meeting held on Monday, June 15, 2020

Authority:	Governor's Emergency Order
Location:	MHS Gymnasium
Quorum:	250
Warrant:	42 Articles
Warrant Hearing Date:	No later than Friday, May 15, 2020
Warrant Mail Date:	No later than Wednesday, June 3, 2020
Notes:	School Committee presenting Pre Covid Budget to WC on 5/11

## Scenario 2: Town Meeting held on Monday, June 29, 2020/Reduced Quorum

Authority:	Governor's Emergency Order Pending Legislation to Reduce Quorum
Location:	Outside (MHS Turf, Metacomet, MHS Parking Lot)
Quorum:	10% of what is required (Minimum 25)
Warrant:	Budget Articles only per legislation
Warrant Hearing Date:	No later than Friday, May 29, 2020
Warrant Mail Date:	No later than Wednesday, June 17, 2020
Notes:	More flexibility for warrant hearing and developing a post Covid budget

### Scenario 3: Vote to move to Fall Date TBD

Authority:	Governor's Emergency Order (see guidance below)
Location:	MHS Gymnasium
Quorum:	250
Warrant:	42 Articles
Warrant Hearing Date:	TBD
Warrant Mail Date:	TBD
Notes	Town would need to submit 1/12 budget each month for approval from DOR. Towns are waiting for guidance on how to proceed with this option.

a.If the date of town meeting is set by charter, special act or bylaw, G.L. c.39, §9, authorizes the Board, notwithstanding the same, to hold town meeting at a date later than normal, and absent further legislative or judicial action, on or before June 30, 2020. If a municipality experiences circumstances that make it very difficult or impossible to meet this June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline, there may be legislative, judicial and/or administrative options to address that community-specific situation.

### Scenario 4: Virtual Town Meeting

Authority:	<b>No Authority for Open Town Meeting to be Virtual</b>
Location:	
Quorum:	
Warrant:	
Warrant Hearing Date:	TBD
Warrant Mail Date:	TBD
Notes:	Cautioned by Town Counsel and Bond Counsel that it would be an illegal meeting.