



## ***TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH***

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In accordance with our Town By-laws, the Board of Selectmen previously set Saturday, March 20th for our 2021 Annual Town Meeting (ATM). Nevertheless, given the continued trajectory of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has become apparent that it will not be possible to hold our ATM as currently scheduled. I have discussed this with the Town Clerk, as well as the Board of Selectmen (at their January 19, 2021 meeting), and there was unanimous concurrence.

While State statute provides the Moderator with the power to reschedule ATM, this cannot formally occur until a firm new date, time and place are established. Therefore, although an informal concurrence was achieved regarding delaying ATM, no formal decision can be made just yet. Again in accordance with State statute, soon I will consult with our local Board of Health and Public Safety Chiefs regarding the best approach for re-setting ATM. Nevertheless I believe that last year's successful experience would dictate that a similar outdoor ATM would provide the best scenario for conducting our Town's business this year. That would put a postponed date into at least May, but please stay tuned as things develop.

Meanwhile, I know that boards and committees are working on budgets and Articles for the ATM Warrant, and the delay of ATM will allow more time to complete this work. I am informed that the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen has set a target of April 20th for the finalizing of the Warrant, and therefore Article sponsors should plan their efforts accordingly so the Warrant can be finalized, posted, and printed in time for ATM. As always, I am reachable at any time via 'moderator@southboroughma.com'; thank you for your patience as we work through things.

Best regards,

Paul M. Cimino  
Town Moderator