

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Dear Uxbridge Voters,

Our Spring Annual Town Meeting comes at a very difficult time because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Amid all of the chaos of the 'new normal' the business of the town, specifically setting the town's priorities for FY 2021, goes on. The logistics of this year's Spring Annual Town Meeting will be significantly different than in prior years due to pandemic. With the safety as our highest priority, here is what you can expect on Wednesday, June 17th:

Social Distancing & Face Coverings

1. Masks will be required from the moment you exit your car upon arrival until the moment you return to your car after the meeting
2. Everyone will be expected to abide by the CDC's guidelines for social distancing
 - a. Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people
 - b. Do not gather in groups
3. Please be mindful of others that are entering and exiting the meeting
4. The meeting will be broadcast live over the internet and Channel 191

Meeting Place & Registration

1. The meeting will be held at Valley Chapel, 14 Hunter Road
2. **The meeting will start promptly at 7 pm**
3. Please don't wait until the last minute to arrive as the chances are good that you will miss the start of the meeting
4. Registration will begin at 6 pm and will be held outdoors, weather permitting
5. A volunteer will direct you to one of the 4 registration tables sorted by last name
6. If you plan to attend with family members that you reside with, please stay together throughout the arrival and registration process
7. After completing registration, a volunteer will direct you into the auditorium
8. Once seated, we ask that you remain seated for the duration of the meeting

Microphones

1. Two microphones will be set up on the floor of the meeting
2. If you expect to speak during the meeting, please find a seat close to the microphones in order to minimize the time needed to get to the microphones

Length of the Meeting

1. The time of the meeting on the June 17th will be limited to 90 minutes
2. At the start of the meeting the Board of Selectmen will make a motion to recess the meeting at 8:30 pm
3. If the meeting has not completed its business by 8:30 pm, the motion will set a time and place for the meeting to reconvene

Articles

1. The articles will be taken in order they were placed on the warrant with Articles 1 thru 15 deemed the most important
2. The Board of Selectmen have pared down the warrant to eleven (11) articles that needed to be voted
3. The includes the introduction of a consent article which involves a single vote on five non-controversial articles (Articles 13, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 23)
4. Presentations will be limited to 5 minutes
5. The time for speakers during Open Debate will be limited to 3 minutes
6. Article 5, Town Budget, will be voted on by major category (i.e., General Government, Public Safety, Education, Public Works, et.)
7. Votes will be taken with the use of electronic voting

Adjournment

At the conclusion of the meeting, safety officials will dismiss attendees by row. Upon dismissal, please exit as directed and proceed to your vehicle. Please do not congregate in the hall or outside.

Adherence to the instructions by our public safety officials will contribute to making Town Meeting as safe as possible. Please follow the directions of our safety officials at all times.

Finally, the Governor has signed emergency legislation authorizing the Moderator, after consulting public health officials and the Board of Selectmen, to recess the meeting up to thirty [30] days, and to do so repeatedly. We will be monitoring the situation and, if necessary, will reschedule the meeting. We will keep you posted.

We have the fullest confidence that Uxbridge will rise to this occasion.

Respectfully,

Ed Maharay Town Moderator
Steven Sette, Town Manager