

## Be Prepared

The 2021 Special Town Meeting will look similar to last May's Town Meeting due to COVID-19 and will follow many of the same protocols. Town Meeting will take place outdoors at the High School Stadium and conform to COVID-19 safety guidelines published in a separate document titled "COVID19 and Turf Use Protocols." If you plan on attending Town Meeting, please be aware of the following:

1. Parking at the High School will be limited to the 475 marked parking and 15 marked handicapped spaces. There will be **NO** parking allowed on any roadway or grass within school grounds. There will be people on site to assist residents and to direct parking and help ensure that we remain socially distanced. Carpooling of household members is strongly encouraged.
2. Once the High School parking lots are full, drivers will be directed to offsite parking at the Wayland Town Beach and other sites, as needed. Buses will transport residents from satellite parking lots to Town Meeting. Because of physical distancing requirements, the number of passengers on buses will be limited. There will be attendants to help with parking and loading and unloading of buses. Please follow their directions carefully.
3. The gates to the High School Stadium will open no later than 12:00 pm to allow adequate time to check in and receive an electronic voting handset.
4. For everyone's safety, seating will be arranged to maintain physical distancing on the field. Seating will be monitored and strictly enforced. Non-voters will be asked to sit in the bleachers. If there is sufficient seating on the field, non-voters may sit in furthest section away from the stage that will hold the Moderator and Town Clerk.
5. Seating in the Stadium will be opened in sections, as needed. Handicapped accessible seating will also be available in designated areas. Ushers will direct you to a seat.
6. It is important to note that the handsets will **ONLY** work in the designated area for seating. Your vote matters, so please remain in the proper area.
7. If you arrive after Town Meeting has started, please be respectful and keep the noise from conversation to a minimum. Once you have received your handset, an usher will bring you to the next available seat. For everyone's safety, congregating at the entrance and exits will not be allowed.
8. It is very important that you plan to arrive and check in as early as possible. **We recommend that you allow at least 30 minutes to park, be shuttled if needed, and to be checked in and receive your electronic voting remote.** Please note that Town Meeting will not be delayed for residents who arrive late and may be waiting in line when an article important to them comes up for a vote. The welcome teams will do everything reasonably possible to get people in to Town Meeting as swiftly as possible.
9. Fire, Police, and EMS staff will be on duty at all times during Town Meeting. If you have any issues, please seek out one of them for assistance.

If you have specific questions on the logistics or attendance on October 3, please email Fire Chief Neil McPherson, [nmcpherson@wayland.ma.us](mailto:nmcpherson@wayland.ma.us).