



# TOWN of BROOKLINE *Massachusetts*

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MELVIN A. KLECKNER  
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In Select Board  
June 11, 2020

Vote and Notice of 2020 Annual Town Meeting

On motion it was,

Moved: That pursuant to Section 8(b) of Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2020 and the June 8, 2020 written request of Town Moderator Edward N. Gadsby, Jr., the 2020 Annual Town Meeting shall be held remotely by means of the Zoom video conferencing platform combined with telephone conference calling as requested by the Moderator.

Moved further: That pursuant to Section 8(c) of Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2020 the following notice is, in consultation with the Moderator, hereby approved and issued:

### Notice of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting

- i. The 2020 Annual Town Meeting shall be held remotely by means of the Zoom video conferencing platform combined with telephone conference calling as requested by Town Moderator Edward N. Gadsby, Jr. in his June 8, 2020 request accompanying this notice.
- ii. The 2020 Annual Town Meeting shall be held remotely by such means on June 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
- iii. The Moderator, Town Meeting Members, Town officials, and registered voters residing in the Town who have made prior arrangements to participate in the Meeting may access and witness the deliberations and actions taken at the Meeting by following the instructions provided to them in advance by the Town Clerk or the Moderator. Registered voters residing in the Town who wish to participate in the Meeting and have not made prior arrangements to access the Meeting must submit a request to the Town Clerk not later than 7:00 PM on June 21, 2020. All other interested members of the public may view the deliberations and actions taken at the Meeting via the live video streaming service provided by the Brookline Interactive Group at [brooklineinteractive.org/live](http://brooklineinteractive.org/live) or on local access channels RCN Channel 15 or Comcast Channel 23.

This notice shall be filed and posted in accordance with the requirements of subsection (b) of Section 10A of Chapter 39 of the General Laws, distributed to each Town Meeting member, and publicly posted no later than June 13, 2020.

Aye: Chair Bernard Greene, Select Board member Nancy Heller, Select Board member Heather Hamilton, Select Board member Raul Fernandez, Select Board member John VanScoyoc

ATTEST

Melvin Kleckner  
Town Administrator

Linda G. Goldberg  
Assistant Town Clerk

## BROOKLINE TOWN MODERATOR

### REQUEST TO CALL A REMOTE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To the Brookline Select Board:

Pursuant to and as described in section 8(a) of Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2020 of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I hereby request that the Select Board call for the 2020 Annual Town Meeting to be held through remote participation. In connection with such request, I submit the following information:

1. I have determined that it is necessary and in the best interests of the Town, in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, that the 2020 Annual Town Meeting be held through remote participation of its Town Meeting Members and other participants rather than as an in-person meeting.
2. I have determined that the optimum remote participation platform to use for such meeting is a combination of the Zoom video system and telephone conference call. In addition, members of the general public who wish to view the proceedings may do so via the video streaming service provided by Brookline Interactive Group in real time at [brooklineinteractive.org/live](http://brooklineinteractive.org/live) or on RCN Channel 15 or Comcast Channel 23.
3. I confirm that I have consulted with the chair of the Brookline Commission on Disability concerning possible accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in the meeting.
4. I hereby certify that I have tested the aforesaid video and telephone conferencing platform in a series of practice virtual Town Meeting sessions with Town Meeting Members and others, and that its use would satisfactorily enable the Meeting to be conducted in substantially the same manner as if the meeting occurred in person at the Brookline High School auditorium and in accordance with the operational and functional requirements of Chapter 92. Registered voters residing in the Town wishing to participate in the virtual Annual Town Meeting will be required to submit a request to participate to the Town Clerk not less than 48 hours in advance of the Meeting, and the Town Clerk will verify the requester's voter registration status and provide the requester with instructions for participating in the Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Edward N. Gadsby, Jr., Town Moderator

June 8, 2020

*Linda G. Golburgh*  
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Assistant Town Clerk