

TO: TOWN MEETING MEMBERS
FROM: BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MARTHA WHITE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
ONORINA MALONEY, INTERIM TOWN CLERK
SUBJECT: SCHEDULE FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING #1
NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING #2
DATE: 1/25/2010
CC: TOWN MODERATOR, FINANCE COMMITTEE, SCHOOL COMMITTEE, TOWN COUNSEL

We regret to inform Town Meeting Members that an issue has been identified with the initial posting of the Special Town Meeting #1 notice. The notice that was posted in the designated locations throughout the community provided a listing of the warrant articles, but inadvertently did not include the full warrant, as required by the Town's Charter and By-Laws. After learning of this issue, the full warrant was posted in all required locations on January 19th.

The Chairs of the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee, along with the Town Moderator, Town Counsel, Town Administrator, School Department Business Manager and Town Clerk, met on Thursday, January 21st to discuss this issue. Subsequent to this meeting, the following determinations have been made:

- Special Town Meeting #1 must open on January 26 as this is the date for which the Board of Selectmen have called the meeting; and
- business under Special Town Meeting #1 (debate, deliberations, votes, etc.) should not take place until February 2nd by which time the full warrant will have been posted for two weeks, as required under state law.

Therefore, if a quorum is present on January 26th, it is anticipated that a motion will be accepted by the Town Moderator to adjourn until February 2nd. If a quorum is not present on January 26, pursuant to Natick By-Laws and Town Meeting Time, the Town Moderator will declare adjournment until the next scheduled session – January 28th. If on that date a quorum is again not in attendance the Town Moderator will again declare adjournment until the next scheduled session – February 2nd.

The Board of Selectmen will also call **Special Town Meeting #2 to be held on February 23rd** for the purpose of ratifying, validating and confirming all acts and proceedings taken at Special Town Meeting #1. This measure was deemed to be warranted as some of the articles on the warrant for Special Town Meeting #1 are of a nature that generates the greatest levels of scrutiny – namely borrowing authorizations and Charter changes.

We very deeply apologize for the confusion and inconvenience that this posting issue has caused, and look forward to getting underway on February 2nd with the important business of Town Meeting.