

### **What to Expect at this year's Annual Town Meeting, July 25, 2020, 9:00am**

In an effort to make this year's unprecedented Annual Town Meeting as safe as possible for our citizens, we are implementing the following procedures. With your help and cooperation, Annual Town Meeting can take place in a safe and responsible manner:

- The meeting will be held outside in the open air under a tent at the Granby Junior Senior High School. There will be limited seating under the tent and chairs will be placed to observe social distancing. There will be individual chairs set up, as well as pairs of chairs for members of the same household. Please do not move any chair from its original placement.
- There also will be a limited amount of parking for those Town Meeting members who prefer to stay in their cars to participate, and we will be broadcasting the meeting via an FM channel. These parking spots will be allotted on a first come, first serve basis.
- You are welcome to bring your own chairs to sit outside of the tent, as well as umbrellas for sunshade. You also are encouraged to bring water, sunblock and bugspray.
- **Face coverings are required and must be worn throughout the meeting.** Not everyone who has COVID-19 is symptomatic. Wearing a face covering reduces the risk of transmitting the virus to others, and each of us has a responsibility to protect our neighbors. If you do not have a mask, we can provide a mask for you to wear. Although no one will be turned away from Annual Town Meeting if you are unable to wear a mask due to a medical condition or disability, you will be directed to a peripheral area for your own protection and the protection of others.
- Exposure will be limited by keeping the meeting as short as possible:
  - There will be two stationary microphones for Town Members to use for comments and debate. Those wishing to discuss an Article will be given a 2-minute timeframe. Masks must be kept on while speaking into the microphones. Microphones will be wiped down between speakers. When approaching the microphone to speak, please maintain 6-foot separation.
  - **We will be voting on a consent agenda for some articles.** A consent agenda is a grouping of non-controversial articles together under one motion in order to save time in a meeting. When a motion to approve several articles as a consent agenda is made and seconded, the Moderator will call out the article numbers in the proposal. Any voter who wants to consider an article separately for debate and/or questions will call out "hold," and the Moderator will remove that article from the consent agenda. Voting will then proceed for the motion to approve (or reject) all the articles in the consent agenda group.
- The bathrooms in the High School will be available for single person "emergency" use.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for use.
- Please do not gather outside the meeting after it ends.

***Please do not attend Town Meeting if the answer to any of these questions is yes:***

- Are you feeling sick?
- Are you having symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell)?
- Have you been exposed to someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 within the last 14 days?

Thank you in advance for abiding by these atypical procedures in order to keep our citizens safe and conduct the business of our Town!