



TOWN WARRANT  
Town of Lexington  
Special Town Meeting 2020-1

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
To any of the Constables of the Town of Lexington

Middlesex, ss.  
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Lexington qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the Margery Milne Battin Hall in Cary Memorial Building, 1605 Massachusetts Avenue, in said Town on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 7:30 p.m., at which time and place the following article to be acted upon and determined exclusively by the Town Meeting Members in accordance with Chapter 215 of the Acts of 1929, as amended, and subject to the referendum provided for by Section eight of said Chapter, as amended. Please note that the location of this meeting is subject to change, pursuant to G.L. c. 39, § 10A, and may be held electronically if a physical meeting is not possible for health and safety reasons.

ARTICLE 1

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the Massachusetts General Court for legislation providing that notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law or by-law to the contrary, all acts and proceedings taken by the town at an annual or special town meeting held by remote participation by electronic means between March 23 and September 30, 2020, and all actions taken pursuant thereto, are ratified, validated and confirmed to the same extent as if the said Annual or Special Town Meeting had been held in full compliance with any applicable general or special law or by-law; and further to authorize the Select Board to approve amendments to said act before its enactment by the General Court that are within the scope of the general objectives of the petition; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

*(Inserted by the Select Board)*

DESCRIPTION: This article would authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation that would confirm the validity of any actions taken at a Town Meeting being held remotely instead of in person. While the Town has worked with Representative Ciccolo and the other 33 Towns with Representative Town Meeting, we are not sure whether that legislation will be adopted at the time of our Town Meeting and this article would provide an additional opportunity to ensure the validity of actions taken at the 2020 Lexington Annual Town Meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant not less than fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting, as provided in the Bylaws of the Town. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

*Doyle M. Vincent*  
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*Joseph Z. Pato*  
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*Thomas P. Barry*  
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*Julie L. Hall*  
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SELECT BOARD  
OF  
LEXINGTON

A true copy, Attest:

Constable of Lexington