



TOWN OF TRURO

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PRESS RELEASE

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Town Moderator Announces Continuance of Special Town Meeting

As you are aware, the October 21, 2023 Special Town Meeting was continued to November 2, 2023 at 5:30 pm pursuant to GL.c.39, § 10, which allows the Moderator to recess the meeting for up to 14 days if he believes voters are being excluded for whatever reason. At that time, 66 voter registration complaints filed by Mr. Raphael Richter were pending with the Board of Registrars. On October 30th, the Town notified the public that the November 2nd meeting would once again be postponed until November 16th at 5:30 pm at the Truro Central School in order to allow for the Board of Registrars to hear and resolve the pending voter registration challenges.

While the Board of Registrars addressed all 66 voter registration challenges that were received by October 17, 2023, administrative appeals have been filed in at least two cases. It is possible that additional appeals will be filed in the coming week as certain individuals have just been notified that they have been removed from the voting list. Pursuant to GL.c.39, §10 and, consistent with the opinion of Town Counsel, KP Law, and at the request of the Town Clerk, the Special Town Meeting will be continued to November 28, 2023 at 5:30 pm at the Truro Central School. We anticipate that this will be the final continuance and that the Special Town Meeting will be held on November 28, 2023. The postponement allows for the timely completion of the appeal process described in the statute. We have confirmed that the Truro Central School, the audio/visual contractor, and key staff are available on this date.

While voters are welcome to attend the November 16th meeting, the Moderator will only open the meeting and continue it for up to another 14 days pursuant to GL.c.39, § 10. There will be no check-in for voters and the Town Moderator will not be taking any motions, questions or undertaking any of the business on the special town meeting warrant.

The Town of Truro continues its tradition of providing childcare services for working families available through the Community Services Department, and Seniors are always welcome to take advantage of transportation services from their residence to and from the Special Town Meeting. Additional information concerning childcare and transportation can be found by calling (508) 413-9507, or, for more information on transportation, visit www.truro-ma.gov/council-on-aging. The Recreation/Beach Division is offering childcare, for more information or to sign up, visit www.trurorec.com.

Ensuring that no appropriately registered Truro voter is excluded from voting at the meeting is of utmost importance and we thank you again for your patience and cooperation during this process.

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