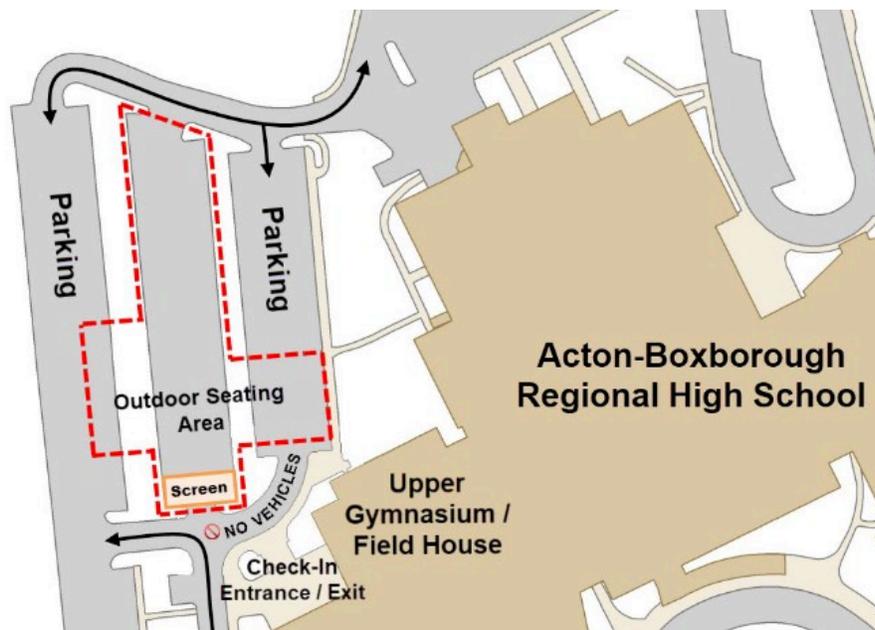


SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 SPECIAL

TOWN MEETING

Acton will hold a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, September 8. Much like the Annual Town Meeting held in June, check-in will be available starting at 5 PM and the Meeting will begin at 6 PM. Check-in will take place by the Upper Gymnasium/Field House entrance, outside the space we normally host “overflow” seating. As this gymnasium space is wide open, it allows us to set up “socially distanced” seating. For those that do not wish to sit indoors, a similar amount of seating will be offered outdoors, on the center tier of the upper parking lot. These two seating spaces combined will provide for approximately 400 socially-distanced attendees (town meetings of average size are about 350 attendees). The diagram below is shown on the inside cover of the Warrant you will receive by U.S. Mail, and is also on the Town web site:

www.actonma.gov/townmeeting



Check-in will be touch-less, and we will not be using the electronic clickers for voting. The Moderator will run the Meeting inside the gymnasium, and audio and video will be provided to those seated outdoors, where an assistant Moderator will help facilitate the Meeting. Microphones will be available for speakers in both locations with social distance markings on the ground. We ask that you wear a face covering. If you do not own one, we will have new masks available for you.



Each person will have to consider which seating area makes them feel the most comfortable. For those seated outdoors, insect repellent, hats or umbrellas may be needed. The outdoor space will not be covered, and the indoor space, while ventilated, is not cooled. Chairs will be provided and portable restrooms will be available. As of this writing (August 25), the weather is anticipated to be partly cloudy in the upper 70-degree range. While precipitation is not currently predicted, we are two weeks away and this is New England. The Town Moderator and Board of Selectmen are prepared to consider delaying the Meeting to the following evening should the weather take a significant turn for the worse.

You are encouraged to bring your own drinking water. The Meeting will be broadcast on cable television channels (Comcast channel 99 and Verizon channel 41), the Town of Acton FM radio station, 94.9 WAEM-LP and by Internet stream on the ActonTV web site www.actontv.org/on-demand/livestream/government.

As many routine articles as possible are placed on a Consent Agenda to be voted at the start of the Meeting. Presentations at the Meeting will be minimal in length.

There will not be the usual handouts provided at this Meeting, however, the Warrant and Motions are available online at www.actonma.gov/townmeeting

As the Town Moderator, Jo-Ann Berry, concluded in her Annual Town Meeting message, “The need to make the meeting safe and to honor our democratic process is at the heart of this plan. Let us gather with good intention to conduct our legislative session thoroughly yet efficiently.”

Thank you!