

To the Residents of the Town of Benton, NH:

POSTPONEMENT OF TOWN MEETING TO JUNE 8, 2021

The 2021 Annual Town and School District Meetings have been postponed from Tuesday March 9, to Tuesday June 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. The Moderator, Select Board and School Board all voted unanimously to postpone the meeting under the authority of Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #83 to postpone, reschedule, and manage annual meetings.

Responding to the COVID-19 virus in public meeting settings is difficult with masks and social distancing imposing restrictions on social interaction and spacing in a small building. Because of the virus, some residents would not feel safe or comfortable attending and participating in our annual democratic process. With vaccines becoming available for our most vulnerable citizens, more people could participate if the Town Meeting is postponed to June. As an additional benefit of postponement to June, the Board of Education staff will have more accurate estimates of end of fiscal year budget status to assist us in accurately setting the tax rate to keep it stable and predictable.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing all of you in June.