



TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD
2 East Main Street
West Brookfield, MA 01585



TOWN MODERATOR

DECLARATION OF RECESS AND CONTINUANCE


To All West Brookfield Voters:

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 39, §10A, I declare on this 27th day of January 2026, that the West Brookfield Special Town Meeting scheduled for 6:30 pm on January 27, 2026 at the West Brookfield Elementary School recessed and continued. The continued Special Town Meeting shall be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday February 3, 2026, at the West Brookfield Elementary School located at 89 North Main Street, West Brookfield MA 01585.

The nature of the emergency is due to the significant winter storm event that occurred Sunday, January 25th, 2026, through Monday, January 26th, 2026. In making this Declaration, I reference that the West Brookfield Board of Selectmen recommend continuance of the Special Town Meeting in support of Public Safety and the potential of the inability or difficulty of voters to safely attend said meeting. I conclude that delaying the Special Town Meeting is in the best interest of the Town and its citizens.

M.G.L. Ch. 39, §10A mandates that the Moderator "shall announce the declaration of recess and continuance as far in advance of the Town Meeting being continued as possible." It also requires that a Town Meeting recessed pursuant to this statute "shall be convened by the moderator not later than 30 days following the date and time of the moderator's declaration of recess and continuance." Thus, under the statute, I do not have the authority to continue the Special Town Meeting for longer than 30 days from the date of recess, but I do have the authority to issue further continuances. I therefore declare that the continued date of the West Brookfield Special Town Meeting shall be Tuesday, February 3, 2026, to be convened at 6:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Elementary School located at 89 North Main Street, West Brookfield MA 01585.

Given to the Town of West Brookfield at 12:00 p.m. this 27th day of January 2026.


Bill Mansfield, Town Moderator