



**TOWN of PETERSHAM  
OFFICE of the SELECTBOARD**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CHANGE OF TOWN MEETING QUORUM  
DUE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

Pursuant to MA Senate Bill 27330 and House Bill 4752,  
in anticipation of approval by Massachusetts Governor Baker,  
and working in a timely fashion so as to meet the  
Petersham Annual Town Meeting date of Monday, June 29, 2020;  
such date already modified due to COVID-19 [changed from June 1 to June 29, 2020];  
and out of an abundance of caution for public health safety while striving  
to address Town budget needs for the well-being of the community;

The Petersham Selectboard, working in conjunction with the Town Moderator, Town Clerk,  
and Advisory Finance Committee, and per direction provided in the Bills noted above,

**Will be conducting final Review and Vote at the regular Selectboard Meeting of  
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020 at 6:00 PM  
so as to:**

**Lower the Petersham Town Meeting quorum requirement from the  
current status as defined by Town By-law:**

*Current: The number of voters necessary to constitute a quorum at any Town meeting  
shall be (10) ten per cent of the voters registered as of the previous January 1*

**TO:**

*New: The number of voters necessary to constitute a quorum at any Town meeting  
shall be (1) ONE PER CENT of the voters registered as of the previous January 1.*

Such quorum level to be in effect only during the current  
State of Health Emergency as declared by Governor Baker.

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Please note: The effect of this change is that Petersham's typical quorum level of approximately  
90–95 voters will be reduced to approximately 10–15 voters needed to begin Town Meeting.  
The 2020 Annual Town Meeting will be focused primarily on the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget  
and required Debt Service payments for project borrowing.

A Special Town Meeting will follow at a later date to address other Articles. *Posted June 3, 2020*