TOWN OF HADLEY

FINANCE COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MEETING

October 28, 2020

Notice is given that the Finance Committee of the Town of Hadley, Massachusetts, will convene a meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held remotely using Zoom as per the Governor’s Executive Order.

The Finance Committee will be meeting jointly with the Select Board and the School Department.

The meeting may be accessed remotely per the Governor’s Order, and the public may view the meeting in real time by using the information provided below. The Finance Committee will act on the following agenda:

1. Meeting convened.
2. Minutes.
3. Review of Special Town Meeting warrant.
4. Review of FY 2021 budget adjustment to reduce impact on taxes.

1. Other business not anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance.
2. Adjourn.

ZOOM

The Finance Committee will be meeting remotely, and the public may access the meeting by computer or telephone per the instructions below.

Topic: Finance Committee jointly with Select Board and School Department.

Time: Oct 28, 2020 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91971389326?pwd=Nmh1TzYzaDlQNkhQcTU0Q1NsMWVWQT09>

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**3/13/20 BOSTON** – The Baker-Polito Administration announced an emergency order temporarily modifying the state’s open meeting law in order to allow state, quasi and local governments to continue to carry out essential functions and operations during the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.

This emergency order suspends the requirement for public access to the physical location where a public meeting is taking place, provided there are other means of access available. This includes the use of a phone conference line for members of the public, social media or other internet streaming services, on-line meeting services, or methods of access.

Both the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) have advised residents to take extra measures to put distance between themselves and other people to further reduce the risk of being exposed to COVID-19. Additionally, the CDC and DPH have advised high-risk individuals, including people over the age of 60, anyone with underlying health conditions or a weakened immune system, and pregnant women, to avoid large gatherings.

Additionally, the order relieves the requirement that a quorum of members be physically present at a public meeting. During this period, members may all participate by remote or virtual means.

This order is applicable to meetings of public bodies including commissions, boards, and committees that engage in policy making at the state, quasi and local level, and it does not apply to Town Meetings or judicial and quasi-judicial hearings. It follows Governor Baker’s declaration of a State of Emergency on Wednesday, March 11, and it will remain in place until rescinded or the State of Emergency is terminated.

The full text of the Governor's order may be found here:  <https://41g41s33vxdd2vc05w415s1e-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/OpenMtgLaw_ExecOrder_Mar32020.pdf>