

November 12, 2021

To: Town Meeting Representatives

From: Dan Driscoll, Moderator

Re: Fall Annual Town Meeting, November 15, 2021

Our Annual Town Meeting is only a few days away. As hopefully you know, our Meeting is at the [Dedham Health and Athletic Complex](#) near the Dedham Mall. This location was recommended by a working group of town officials who have been meeting since early September. The Select Board approved this recommendation during their [October 19, 2021 meeting](#).

Our goal has been to conduct this Fall Annual Town Meeting so that the Town could meet certain deadlines for getting its business done, but do so in a as safe a manner as possible. The Dedham High School Auditorium does not offer us sufficient space to meet public health safety standards. We were very pleased that Mr. Lloyd Gainsboro, owner of the DHAC and a Dedham resident, offered to help. We are meeting in the tennis court building, a site with **30-foot ceilings** and an **advanced air circulation system**. We have a direct-access door to the courts and will not be going through the main part of the facility.

A police detail and volunteers will be available in the parking lot to direct people. Handicapped parking is available near the entrance to the tennis courts.

The seating area will have a “Fully Vaccinated Area” and a “General Seating Area”. Fully vaccinated people may sit in the General Area if they choose. All are directed to wear a mask or face covering. Those that cannot or will not wear a mask or face covering will be seated in a separate area.

We are asking people to arrive as early as possible, starting at 6:15, to ensure we can be seated and ready to go to work at 7:00 PM. We almost always finish our business in one night; this year it is imperative that we do since this space is available to us for one night.

DHAC has been very generous with their space and by providing members of their management staff to work with us. They have very few restrictions in order to protect the tennis courts. The DHAC team ask that we adhere to the following restrictions:

- No shoes with high heels or black soles.
- Water is allowed, but no food, soft drinks, coffee or tea please. These will stain the court surface.

Please see the [Town of Dedham web page](#) for all the information about this Town Meeting.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions: djdriscoll2@gmail.com or 617-510-1797.

Thank you.