

District Wide Meeting Seating/Setup Plan

After speaking with town officials from both Templeton and Phillipston, the following plan addresses the physical layout of the District Wide Meeting that is scheduled for September 19, 2020.

Location: Narragansett Regional Middle/High School Athletic Field
462 Baldwinville Drive, Baldwinville MA

Time: 2:00pm

Location Rationale

Given the concerns and restrictions that are inherent with the COVID19 epidemic, the decision was made (weather permitting) to hold the District Wide Meeting outside, utilizing the ADA compliant bleachers and a portion of the Athletic Field for voter seating.

District Wide Meeting Entry

As with every District Wide/Templeton Town Meeting, voters will enter through the Middle School entrance. Instead of going into the auditorium, you will proceed straight down the hallway located between the Gym and the Middle School Office (there will be signage for directions) which will lead you to the back exit toward the Athletic Field where the meeting will take place. Both the Templeton/Philipston Town Clerks will be just outside the door leading to the Athletic Field to help you register to attend the meeting.

General Seating:

The bleachers have a “typical” capacity of close to 1000 spectators (without social distancing) Given the proximity of the bleacher benches, every two (vertical) rows will be “taped off” to allow for proper distancing between the bleacher benches that voters will be sitting on. Unless folks are living in the same household, there is an expectation that a minimum of six (6) feet is kept between each person on the bleachers. Depending on the number of “family/household groups” that attend the meeting (and who sit on the bleachers), we estimate that approximately 200/250 voters will be able to sit on the bleachers utilizing appropriate social distancing.

Handicap/ADA Seating

The top section of the bleachers can be accessed by the ramp at the rear of the bleachers and is designed specifically for people who require wheelchair access to the bleachers as well as offering seating for spectators who require ambulatory assistance. This section is reserved for those folks who require ADA accommodation. All other spectators must sit in the lower section of the bleachers.

Lawn Seating:

Because the Moderator and the School Committee will be seated approximately at midfield facing the bleachers, there will be ample space for voters to sit on the lawn during the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: The District **cannot** provide you with chairs for you to sit on if you are on the field. Please feel free to **BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair)**. Otherwise you will need to sit on the grass or on the bleachers.

Parking

Parking for the District Wide Meeting will be located at the front of the Narragansett Regional Middle/High School. Please do not park directly in front of the building (Horseshoe Driveway) as it is a fire lane.

To ensure that everyone is accounted for and registered, you must proceed through the Middle School to be registered.

Handicap Parking

Handicap Parking can be found at the rear of the Middle School (Central Office parking lot). Those who park in handicapped parking will proceed through the parking lot to the Town Clerk registrations tables to the sign in. This parking lot is closed to general parking.

Gymnasium Parking Lot

The parking lot that is adjacent to the Gym will be closed to all vehicles. No entry will be allowed to the District Wide Meeting through the “scoreboard side” of the field. All participants must enter through the Middle School entrance.

Non-Voter Seating

The non-voter seating section will be on the pavement to the left of the bleachers - chairs will be set up by the District.