

Town Meeting: When and Where  
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and  
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This year's Annual Town Meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4 at the Manchester Essex Middle High School on Lincoln Street. This article provides information on logistics to those planning to attend the meeting.

**Parking**

There are spaces in the Middle High School lot for 200 cars and an additional 75 spaces at Memorial School, with access to the Middle High School across the foot-bridge over Lincoln Street. There is also on-street parking on neighboring streets. We encourage those who live nearby to walk and others to car-pool to make efficient use of the available parking.

**Entrance**

Please enter the Middle High School building through the Gymnasium entrance: of the two large entries visible from Lincoln Street, it is the one on the right looking from the street toward the building. We anticipate a large turnout and will therefore have four stations to check in voters. If possible, please try to arrive early to minimize delays during check-in and in the start of the meeting.

**Seating**

Primary seating will be in the auditorium, which can hold 500 people. If, as we anticipate, more than 500 people attend the meeting, the overflow will be seated in the dining hall. The dining hall will be able to accommodate an additional 500 people if needed. If the turnout exceeds the auditorium's capacity, seating for visitors will also be in the dining hall.

The dining hall will have an audio-video feed from the auditorium, but the electronics will not enable voters to address the meeting from the dining hall; we will ask those seated in the dining hall to come to the auditorium if they wish to speak. There will be a section in the auditorium reserved for those who would encounter physical difficulty in moving from one room to the other. Sponsors of articles and those who anticipate speaking should try to arrive early enough to find a seat in the auditorium.

**Second night**

Although the warrant is short, the meeting will address important questions, including a proposed override of Proposition 2 ½. It is possible that we will need two nights to complete our business; subject to the meeting's vote, we anticipate that if a second session is needed, it would take place on Tuesday, April 5.

**Questions**

We invite voters with questions to send an e-mail to [samolchukd@manchester.ma.us](mailto:samolchukd@manchester.ma.us) or [awilson@spyrockhill.net](mailto:awilson@spyrockhill.net).