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SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS PUBLIC INPUT POLICY

The primary purpose of the Board of Selectmen's meetings is to conduct the business of the Town. The Board encourages residents and taxpayers to attend the Board meetings so that they may become acquainted with the operation and programs of the Town. All official meetings of the Board shall be open to the press and the public. The Board reserves the right to meet and to adjourn or recess a meeting at any time. The Board also reserves the right to enter Non-Public Session at any time, in accordance with the provisions of RSA 91-A:3.

Public participation in the Board's regular meetings is a privilege that the Board allows in order to assure that persons who wish to appear before the Board may be heard. There are two public input opportunities on each agenda during which the public can participate. If the matter pertains to complaints regarding individual employees, other individuals and/or a matter that may, in the opinion of the Board infringe on another person's rights of privacy, that should be directed to the Town Administrator for possible inclusion in a Non-Public Session.

Participants should stay within the following guidelines:

- All participants should raise their hand and wait to be invited to speak by the Chair.
- Participants should state their name, and address for purposes of the meeting minutes.
- Participants' comments will be limited to 5 minutes.
- Participants are to conduct themselves in a civil manner. Obscene, slanderous, defamatory, disruptive, repetitive, disorderly or violent statements will be considered out of order and will not be tolerated.
- Participants must address questions or comments to the Board not to other members of the audience.
- If a participant wishes to read anything into the public record, a copy of the written document must be provided to the Board prior to reading into the record.

The purpose of this policy is to provide the Board with the opportunity to hear from residents and taxpayers directly, while keeping the discussions civil and orderly and protecting the rights of others.

Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in your privilege to address the Board being curtailed and if failure to comply continues you may be asked to remove yourself from the meeting.

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