

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DURING SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

1. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

All persons, whether Town residents or not, have a right under the NH Right-to-Know Law, RSA 91-A, to attend public meetings. They may make notes, tapes, photos or video, as long as they do not disrupt the business of the meeting, or block the view of others. These rights are subject to exceptions including nonpublic sessions under RSA 91-A:3, and consultation with legal counsel under RSA 9-A:2, I(c).

2. ORDER OF MEETINGS

All persons attending must remain quiet and comply with directives from the presiding Chair. No one may speak without permission of the Chair. While Select Board meetings are open to the public, this does not give anyone a right to speak, only a right to be present. **PLEASE NOTE:** Those wishing to speak with an audience member shall quietly leave the room before talking.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Public input on business before the Board shall be allowed:

- a. On matters for which State law requires a public hearing;
- b. On agenda items for which the Board, in its discretion, decides to allow public input; and
- c. Whenever the Board votes to allow a public comment period for items not on the agenda. All public input is subject to the permission from the Chair.

4. TIME LIMITS

The Chair may impose a time limit on presentations from an individual or organization. The Chair may also limit each speaker to 2-minutes. The Chair may withdraw permission from a speaker whose input is overly long, irrelevant or extraneous to the topic, disruptive, or whose language or tone become personal or otherwise discourteous.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

Persons who wish to add items to the Select Board's agenda may submit them in writing to the Board at a prior meeting, or to the Office Administrator by 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to the meeting. The request should include the name of the person submitting it, and a brief description. The Board may, at its discretion, alter the order of, or delay consideration of, any item on the agenda.

6. ENFORCEMENT

If anyone conducts himself or herself in violation of these rules, the Board may request the assistance of a police officer, who shall inform the person that he or she is disrupting the orderly conduct of business in violation of law (RSA 644:2, III(b)), and shall order the person to stop the violation or immediately leave the premises. If the person does not obey the order of the police officer, or a similar order of the Chair, he or she shall be guilty of disorderly conduct (RSA 644:2, III(b) or II(e)).

Alstead Select Board


_____ Mary Ann Wolf, Chair


_____ Joseph Levesque, Vice Chair


_____ Joel McCarty

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