

Campaigning

We ask that candidates and their supporters observe social distancing if they campaign outside the Town Meeting. In addition, please be sure not to impede the Town Meeting members from freely entering and leaving the meeting.

Below is an overview of the procedures for the upcoming Town Meeting and common Town Meeting motions.

1. We will consider the articles in the order in which they are presented in the Warrant. It is possible to advance an article by a majority vote.
2. Articles are presented through a main motion by the finance committee then seconded.
 - a. A finance committee member will describe the recommendation and reasons.
 - b. The proponent of the article will then speak to the article if desired.
 - c. Debate will follow in the form of statements/questions by other Town Meeting members.
3. All Town Meeting Members (registered Millis voters present) are eligible to address the Town Meeting on an article.
 - a. To be recognized, when you would like to speak to an article that is currently on the table, please rise and proceed to a microphone – **please observe social distancing and masks are highly encouraged.**
 - b. When you are recognized at the microphone, please state your name and address for the record.
 - c. Please direct all comments through the Moderator. There should be no personal exchanges. Please be civil and respectful. Please be considerate and allow the opportunity for those that wish to speak on an article the chance to do so.
 - d. Remember that the only comments in order are those directed to the Article currently under consideration.
 - e. Speakers are encouraged to limit their comments to two minutes so that everyone has an opportunity to express their views.
 - f. **Please note that applause, boos or any such outbursts are discouraged.**
4. Amendments can be made to a main motion and can be made at any time during debate.
 - a. The amendment must be in the form of a motion to amend and must be seconded.

- b. When discussion on the amendment is completed, the motion to amend is voted upon.
 - c. Once the amendment is decided, we return to the main motion.
 - d. NOTE: Multiple amendments may be considered but only one at a time.
5. Voting
- a. Once debate is over, a vote will be taken.
 - b. All votes are initially by voice vote. If the voice vote is clear, then we are all set, but if there is division, then I will call for a standing count.
 - c. Majority vote is typically required on any motion though certain articles require a $\frac{2}{3}$ or $\frac{4}{5}$ vote and I will notify you of such motions.
6. Special motions
- a. Motion to reconsider - it is possible for someone to move to reconsider a previously decided upon article. This is only appropriate in very specific circumstances such as a legality or information becomes available that wasn't disclosed at the time of the vote.
 - b. Motion to Move the Question - This is a motion to end debate on any issue. If this motion is seconded, it will be voted on. There is to be no discussion on a motion to move the previous question. This requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote and if passed, debate on the original motion ends and the meeting must vote on the main motion. Please use this respectfully and with consideration for others who wish to speak on an article.
 - c. Motion to adjourn - to end the meeting after all articles have been dealt with, the Moderator will accept a motion to adjourn which requires a second and a majority vote.