

Woodstock Board of Selectmen

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All meetings of the Town of Woodstock Board of Selectmen shall be open to the public by law, except as provided for by RSA 91-A, and/or for discussions with Town Counsel

In general, the public has no right to speak at an ordinary Selectmen's Meeting unless there is a specific "Public Participation" item on the agenda (see RSA 91-A:2).

Members of the public or any Town department head or outside agency wishing to discuss a matter(s) with the Board of Selectmen at a meeting must submit their request, including the subject matter to be discussed, via mail, email, or phone call to the Selectmen's office by <u>12:00 pm on the Friday</u> prior to a scheduled meeting in order to be considered for placement on the agenda. Due to scheduling and time constraints, an item submitted is not guaranteed to be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

Rules of Order for Regular Board of Selectmen Meetings - please be respectful to the following:

- The Selectmen have the option to limit public participation to only the formal "Public Participation" item designated on the agenda.
 - When a member of the public wishes to speak, they are to address only the Chairperson and wait for the Chairperson to acknowledge them. Addressing any other individual in attendance is prohibited.
 - The Board of Selectmen will not entertain public comments about specific individuals unless the Chairperson deems it appropriate.
 - Comments must be courteous. Personal remarks or accusatory comments are always out of order.
 Profanity, disorderly language, or gestures at meetings are prohibited.
 - The Chairperson has the right to set a time limit on public comments. Please be concise.
- Public Participation regarding items/subjects on the current agenda: Any member of the public who wishes to
 address the Board of Selectmen on an item on the current agenda shall make such requests to the Chairperson
 at the time when comments from the public are allowed.
- Public Participation regarding items that are not on the agenda: Any member of the public may address the Board of Selectmen at the time when comments from the public are allowed. After first stating their name and the subject of their comments, the Chairperson may then allow the comments. Following such comments, the Chairperson may place the matter on a future agenda or refer the matter to the Town Administrator or other official for investigation, report, or to take such actions as may be appropriate. Once the member of the public shares his/her comments, there will be no further public discussion on the subject until that future meeting.