

## **Board of Selectmen Public Comment Policy for Public Meetings**

- At the discretion of the Chairman, five minutes may be set aside on the Meeting Agenda for a “Public Comment” period.
- Attendees at the meeting can use this time to make a comment on a matter affecting the Town, as opposed to state or federal issues. The topics need to be on local/regional issues.
- Persons who choose to speak during the Public Comment period must behave in a peaceable and orderly manner.
- The Board of Selectmen will not deliberate and vote on matters brought up during the Public Comment portion of the agenda. The Chairman may decide to place the matter or issue brought up during the Public Comment period on a future meeting agenda.
- Attendees may speak for a period of time not to exceed approximately two (2) minutes. The amount of time the Chairman allows an individual to speak will be determined by the Chairman and will take into consideration the number of individuals requesting to speak during this time.
- The Chairman may decide to not allow someone to speak during the Public Comment period, if he/she determines that the individual has previously brought up the same topic at a past meeting.