

2016 BRENTWOOD TOWN AND SCHOOL MEETING MODERATOR'S RULES

BY STATE LAW THE MODERATOR SETS THE RULES OF THE MEETING. (RSA 40:4)

WE WILL BE USING THE MODERATOR'S RULES – NOT ROBERTS RULES OR ANY OTHER COMPLEX PARLEMENTARY RULES. THE GOAL IS A FAIR, UNCOMPLECATEED, FOCUSED AND UNDERSTANDABLE PROCESS.

AS WITH ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS AUDIO AND/OR VIDEO RECORDING ARE SPECIFICALLY ALLOWED

TO BE DISCUSSED, THE ISSUE OR ARTICLE MUST BE ON THE WARRANT, BE MOVED AND SECONDED. TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSION YOU MUST BE A REGISTERED VOTER IN BRENTWOOD, HAVE CHECKED IN WITH THE CHECK LIST SUPERVISORS, AND HAVE A VOTING CARD.

I WILL READ EACH WARRANT ARTICLE AS IT APPEARS IN THE WARRANT AND WILL ASK THE INVOLVED BOARD OR PETITIONER FOR A MOTION AND SECOND TO PLACE IT ON THE FLOOR OF THE MEETING FOR DISCUSSION, DEBATE AND/OR AMENDING..

I WILL THEN ASK THE APPROPRIATE BOARD AND BUDGET COMMIITTEE, OR PETITIONER, AS APPROPRIATE TO SPEAK FIRST TO THE ARTICLE.

THEN THE ARTICLE WILL BE OPEN TO THE FLOOR FOR YOUR DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND/OR AMENDMENTS.

ALL AMENDMENTS MUST BE GIVEN TO THE TOWN OR SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK IN WRITING. THIS INSURES THAT WE HAVE YOUR AMENDMENT EXACTLLY AS YOU INTEND. NEGATIVE MOTIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

AMENDMENTS TO AMENDMENTS BEING DEBATED WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. IF YOU WISH TO FURTHER AMEND AN ARTICLE YOU MUST DO SO AFTER THE PRIOR AMENDMENT HAS BEEN DELT WITH.

ALL DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS WILL BE TO AND THROUGH THE MODERATOR. THIS INCLUDES EYE CONTACT! PASSIONATE DEBATE IS WELCOMED AND EXPECTED - HOWEVER YOU ARE EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO DISAGREE WITHOUT BEING DISAGREABLE

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO AN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION, AND ONE OF MY TASKS IS TO DIRECT YOUR QUESTION TO SOMEONE WHO CAN ANSWER IT. HOWEVER THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT THAT YOU LIKE OR AGREE WITH THE ANSWER.

TO BE RECOGNIZED TO SPEAK, PLEASE GO TO THE FLOOR MICROPHONE. YOU ARE THEN RECOGNIZED IN THAT ORDER.

PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD (WE MAY KNOW YOU BUT THE RECORDER PROBABLY DOES NOT) AND CONTAIN YOUR DISCUSSION TO ONE QUESTION OR STATEMENT.

PLEASE CONTAIN YOUR DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS TO THE MOTION THAT IS UNDER DISCUSSION.

IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE POINT OR QUESTION, PLEASE STEP BACK TO ALLOW OTHERS TO SPEAK. YOU MAY SPEAK AGAIN AFTER OTHERS HAVE HAD THEIR OPPORTUNITY. TO ALLOW EVERYONE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK I WILL ASK THAT YOU KEEP IT WITHIN A THREE MINUTE LIMIT FOR EACH TIME YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

MOTIONS TO CLOSE DEBATE OR MOVE THE QUESTION WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED BY THE MODERATOR AFTER EVERYONE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK HAS HAD AT LEAST ONE OPPORTUNITY AND MUST BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR MICROPHONE.

MOTIONS TO TABLE AN ARTICLE WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED OR RECOGNISED BY THE MODERATOR IF THE MOTION IS MADE BY THE ARTICLE'S SPONSORER

IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION OF THE MODERATOR REGARDING THE RULES OF CONDUCT OF THE MEETING OR IF YOU DISAGREE PROCEDURELY YOU ABSOLUTELY MAY ASK AT ANY TIME. (POINT OF ORDER) THIS DOES NOT REQUIRE YOUR GOING TO THE FLOOR MICROPHONE BUT YOU MUST STATE YOUR NAME AND YOUR QUESTION OR ISSUE.

YOU ALSO MAY BY LAW MOVE TO OVERRULE THE MODERATOR IF YOU FEEL THAT THE MODERATORS RULEING IS CLEARLY ERRONEOUS, REQUIRES A SECOND AND MAJORITY VOTE (RSA 40:4)

RECONSIDERATION OR RESTRICTING RECONSIDERATION:

YOU MAY VOTE AFTER EACH ARTICLE TO RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION OF THE VOTE OR VOTES TAKEN. THIS PROTECTS THE ACTION TAKEN FROM BEING UNDONE OR CHANGED LATER IN THE MEETING, AND THIS VOTE MAY NOT BE RECONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING.. (RSA 40:1)