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## PUBLIC COMMENT AT TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

The purpose of Public Comment is to allow residents to speak to Town Council on non-agenda items that pertain to town matters. It is not a time for discussion or asking questions, as these are better addressed via email or during Office Hours (see Town Calendar for dates/times).

Public Comment will take place in two sessions: 30 minutes at the beginning of each Council meeting and 30 minutes at the end of each Council meeting. Participants may participate via Zoom; the Chair will accept Zoom comments in the last 10 minutes of each Public Comment period.

### CODE OF CONDUCT

#### Applicable to Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

- Speakers will receive a maximum of three (3) minutes for their comment and they may only come to the podium once.
- Speakers are asked to begin their comments by stating their name and town of residence.
- Speakers will maintain civility at all times. Hate speech and personal attacks on individual Councilors, staff members, or citizens will not be tolerated.
- Audience members are asked to refrain from applauding or verbally responding to any comments. Crowd response is intimidating to those who may have a differing opinion.
- Our goal is for all participants to have the opportunity to fully engage at Council meetings. However, attendees who repeatedly violate the Code of Conduct will lose their opportunity to comment. Attendees in violation of 17-A MRSA §501-A. Disorderly Conduct including, but not limited to, interrupting proceedings or intimidating another participant, will be asked to leave the meeting.
- Zoom participation is provided as a convenience to the public; however, it may not always be available, and advance registration may be required for participants. To ensure your comments are heard, please consider submitting comments in writing and/or in person. Zoom participants are held to the same standards as in-person participants.

*Council thanks you for your engagement!*