



POLICY OF THE TOWN OF UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Citizens Forum

Purpose

The purpose of the Citizens Forum is to enable citizens to directly present information intended to:

1. Bring to the attention of the Board issues or facts, relevant to the Board's responsibilities;
2. Request that the Board place an issue on a future agenda;
3. Bring to the attention of the Board, and to the Uxbridge community as a whole, information of general concern to the community;
4. Seek, from the Board, answers on an issue relevant to the Board's responsibilities, but which does not require immediate deliberation by the Board to formulate a response; and
5. Request recognition to speak on an agenda item when it is taken up that evening.

Schedule

In order to accommodate citizens who wish to speak, Citizens Forum shall be placed on the agenda immediately following announcements.

Speakers

No person shall speak for more than three (3) minutes unless so allowed by the Board chairman. Citizens who have, before hand, signified to the Chairman their intention to speak, shall be recognized first.

Duration

The duration of Citizens Forum shall be twenty (20) minutes unless a Board member has acted under the following section.

Exception

The Board shall not enter into a debate with any speaker. However, any Board member may provide a comment or pose a question for purposes of clarification. Time spent in responding shall not count against the allotted three (3) minutes or the twenty (20) minutes overall duration limit.

Caution

Uncivil or derogatory speech shall be cause for terminating any presentation.

This policy was revised, voted and approved by the Board of Selectmen on August 11, 2008.