



Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee recognizes the importance of active public participation at all public meetings, at the discretion of the Chair, on items on the official agenda such as public hearings or other published topics where public input is explicitly identified for a given agenda item. All comments from the public should be directed to or through the Chair once the speaker is recognized. Once recognized by the Chair, all persons addressing the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee shall state their name and address prior to speaking. It is the role of the Chair to set time limitations and maintain order during public meetings, as it is important that the Board/Commission allow themselves enough time to conduct their official town business.

If included on the meeting agenda by the Chair, public comment is a time when town residents can bring matters before the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee that are not on the official agenda. Comments should be short and to the point, with the Chair ultimately responsible to control the time available to individual speakers. To avoid Open Meeting Law violations, any matter presented under public comment will not be debated or acted upon by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee at the time it is presented. Such matter may be acted upon by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee later in said public meeting if properly included on the meeting agenda, or at a subsequent public meeting if included on that meeting agenda.

In order to allow a peaceable and orderly meeting, no person may offer comment without permission of the Chair, and all persons shall, at the request of the Chair, be silent. The Chair may require a person to be silent if they are addressing topics that are not germane to a particular agenda item, that exceed the time allotted for comments, or if such person is disrupting the proceedings of a meeting by interfering with the right of others to provide comment.

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