

Town Meeting for Newcomers

Town meeting may be unfamiliar to those from outside New England, and a little preparation in advance can save some embarrassment, and make a world of difference in the time it takes to get up the learning curve and start feeling comfortable at town meeting. The 30-minute video "Town Meeting 101" is a conversational introduction that deals with all the basics. It is designed to respond to the many questions newcomers have asked in the past.

If you are familiar with town meeting practices elsewhere, it still can be worth checking out the materials here, as procedures vary widely from town to town even within Massachusetts. There are three shorter videos that total 10 minutes of viewing time that cover the basics in more compact form. Or you may wish to browse the Frequently Asked Questions document just to become aware of where our practices may differ from those with which you are familiar.

If you still have questions, *do not hesitate* to consult with the Clerk at her office in Town Hall during regular office hours, or to call or e-mail the Moderator by clicking on his name at the top of the Town Meeting page.