

Ground Rules for Public Hearing on Warrant Articles for November 3rd Town Meeting

There will be a moderator for the meeting to ensure an orderly process and to provide the opportunity for those wishing to speak to be heard. The following are the ground rules that the moderator will follow:

Sign-up: Attendees who wish to speak will sign up when entering the meeting.

State identity: Every speaker must state their name and where they live for the meeting record.

Submissions: If submitting written documents, maps, photos, etc. please provide 6 copies (5 for the Board and 1 for the meeting record). Provide additional copies if distributing to the public.

Direct comments: All remarks must address the moderator, not the audience. Only one person at a time may speak and only when recognized by the moderator. The moderator will direct any questions to the appropriate person.

Maintain decorum: Be respectful. Refrain from spontaneous comments, personal attacks, booing, cheering, applause or interruptions.

Hearing Schedule: Article 2 Mobile Home Park Lot Rent Stabilization Ordinance will be heard first and will follow the same format as below. Prior to starting the discussion on Article 3, Walden Renewables will be given 10 minutes to provide a project overview. This may help to alleviate some of the questions that will otherwise be asked.

Speaker Schedule: Those in favor of the Article will be given 5 minutes to speak. One individual or split between representatives.

Those opposed to the Article will be given 5 minutes to speak. Again, one individual or split up.

Any current Legislators or their opponents will be given 3 minutes each to speak.

Next, Jay residents will be allowed to speak first based on the sign-up sheet. Speakers must identify whether they are asking a question or making a comment. Only one question or comment at a time. No one may speak a second time until every person who wants to speak for the first time has been heard.

If a question is asked, the moderator will direct it to the appropriate person for a response. Follow up is allowed but not debate.

If a comment is made, the speaker will be given 2 minutes to speak. If someone before has made the same comment it is acceptable to simply state "I agree with ____."

Once all Jay residents wishing to speak have done so, the hearing will be open to non-residents. The same format will apply.

If requested information is not available, responses will be provided later through the Board.

The goal is to be done by 8:00 p.m. but we will stay longer if necessary to ensure that everyone who wishes to be heard has the opportunity.