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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY FOR SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

In accordance with Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, the public is welcome to attend and observe all open meetings of the Chester Select Board. A designated Public Comment period will be provided at the end of each meeting for members of the public to briefly speak on matters within the Board's jurisdiction.

Please note:

- Public input is limited to the Public Comment period (2-3 minutes per person) unless otherwise invited by the Chair.
- If you believe more time is needed to discuss your concern, please submit a request to the Town Administrator to be placed on the agenda in advance of the meeting. <u>TownAdministrator@TownofChester.net</u> or 413-354-7760.
- During the rest of the meeting, attendees are asked to refrain from speaking unless the Chair explicitly invites public input.
- Disruptions, side conversations, or attempts to engage with the Select Board members during official business may result in a request to leave the meeting.

We appreciate your cooperation and your interest in the work of the Town of Chester. This policy ensures that meetings are conducted respectfully, efficiently, and in accordance with the law.

Adopted by Select Board June 16, 2025