

**TOWN OF BOW
BOW SCHOOL DISTRICT
VOTERS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Every Voter is responsible to:

1. Recognize that the Meeting is a legislative assembly where voters gather together to conduct business, and that the Moderator has volunteered to preside over the Meeting to bring order to the process.
2. Review the Town and School Reports in advance of the Town and School Meetings.
3. Seek answers to any questions that you have from the appropriate Town or School officials in advance of the Meetings. Attend informational sessions to learn the background of significant proposals and to ensure meaningful debate at the Meeting.
4. Become familiar with the Rules of Procedure for the Meetings which are published in the Town Report.
5. Give the Moderator fair warning if you would like to do anything out of the ordinary, like present slides or use alternative rules of procedure.
6. Arrive early enough for the Meetings to allow sufficient time to check in and find a seat.
7. Be courteous to all officials, presenters, and other voters.
8. Avoid personal attacks and inappropriate language.
9. Understand that occasional problems are to be expected when presenting information to or managing the movement of large numbers of voters, and be patient and courteous with officials and other voters when they occur.
10. Be aware that since any rule of the Moderator or decision of the Meeting can be reversed or changed at any time by a majority vote of the Meeting, there is no rule that can be adopted that can prevent reconsideration of an Article. Restricting reconsideration can only postpone the second vote to a reconvened meeting held at least seven (7) days after the date of the original vote.

11. Remember that if the Moderator cancels a Meeting due to inclement weather, the decision will be communicated via the same radio and TV stations that the School District uses to announce school cancellations.
12. Help the Meeting to promptly complete the business on the warrant.

Every Voter has a right to:

13. Speak on every Article by approaching a microphone or by requesting a hand-held microphone, unless debate has been limited by a successful Motion to Call the Question.
14. Request the Meeting to overrule the Moderator or to change the Rules of Procedure, as follows:
 - a. Seek to be recognized by saying "Mr./Ms. Moderator, I have a Point of Order", and
 - b. Once recognized by the Moderator, proceed to state your request or make your Motion.
15. Request that any Article or question be acted upon by secret ballot, as follows:
 - a. A minimum of five voters who are present and identified at the Meeting must make the request in writing; and
 - b. The written request must be presented to the Moderator prior to the end of the debate on the Article or question.
16. Request the Meeting to postpone the reconsideration of an Article at the Meeting until a future Meeting, as follows:
 - a. At any time after the Article has been voted upon, seek to be recognized at a microphone by the Moderator.
 - b. Once recognized by the Moderator, say "Mr./Ms. Moderator, I move that the Meeting restrict consideration of Article ____, in accordance with NH RSA 40:10."
 - c. NOTE: Voters need not vote to restrict reconsideration of any ballot vote on a bond issue over \$100,000 because State law provides that the reconsideration vote may not be held until an adjourned Meeting that is at least seven (7) days after the date of the Meeting.

Peter F. Imse, Bow Town Moderator
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