



Watchful Mom by Susan Brown

Moderator's Rules

**Thank you for attending and participating in our traditional
Enfield Town Meeting 03/16/2019.**

Purpose: Debate of the Warrant Articles, with legitimate differences of opinion and Final Decisions to be made by this body; Constructive discussion & feedback by this body, Town officials & Administration.

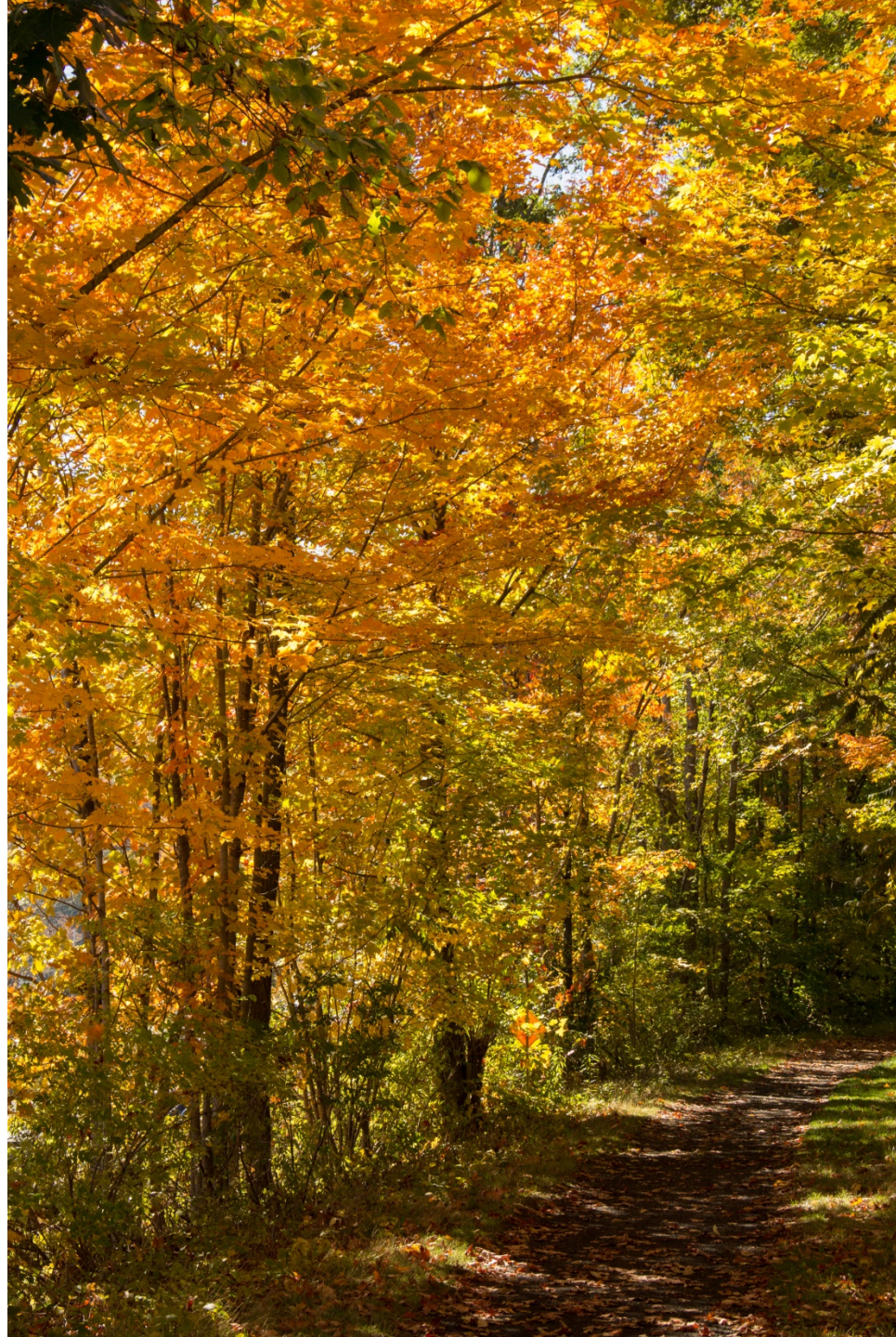
Moderator's role: To facilitate **your** meeting by orderly, fair, even-handed and civil debate of germane issues. Strict Roberts Rules and fancy parliamentary shenanigans are out of order. **Any ruling by the Moderator can be over-ruled by a majority of this body.**

- A. ONLY ONE amendment at a time will be allowed, without amendments to amendments. Like-wise, only one motion will on the floor at all times.
- B. Negative amendments or motions will not be accepted (amendments/motions that require a “no” to pass).



Mascoma Lakeside Park at Sundown by Brittney Cole

- C. Legally allowed amendments, germane to the **SUBJECT of ANY original, WARNED ARTICLE**, including petition articles can be made, explained, discussed, and debated. Amendments must be written. Passage or failure of amendments will be determined by vote. Final votes will determine the outcome for each Article. The wording of certain Articles is legally prescribed, and may not be amended.
- D. RSA 40:7: **“No person shall speak without leave of the moderator, nor when any person is speaking in order.”**
- E. Non-residents may speak to the Meeting regarding Warrant articles only with the consent of the meeting. There are usually issues regarding one or more Articles which non-resident input may be pertinent. **A motion regarding allowing non-resident(s) to speak or will be needed. (Majority vote required)**
- F. All Articles will be dealt with in the order printed in the published Warrant unless voted otherwise. We must take action on each & all Warrant Articles.



**Autumn Rail Trail by
Heather Warren**

- G. We may need to move on to other business while completing paper ballot voting and counting regarding any Article. **A motion to Table each such Article until the votes are counted will be entertained as appropriate.**
- H. Everyone who speaks must use a microphone so they can be heard. If a voter is unable to reach one of the stand-up microphones, the voter should raise his/he hand and a hand-held one will be provided.
- I. Brevity is most effective. If you speak for more than just a very few minutes, you will probably not make your point effectively. Speakers must speak to the issue and not to individuals raising them. All comments will be directed to the moderator. Personal attacks, innuendos, and obstruction of orderly process, will be Ruled Out of Order.
- J. Each speaker may only speak once until everyone has spoken.



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- K. Previously, some residents expressed concern that debate was cut off too soon on some Articles, we have decided in recent years not to adopt rules limiting debate. Unless there a motion otherwise, there will be no a priori limits on debate. Considering the balance of fair and full discussion of all the Warrant Articles, with the continued presence of all of those attending this Meeting, motions to **Limit Debate** will be accepted, but will interpreted to allow those citizens on either side who have not yet spoken to the Issue already standing, or who immediately get in line at the microphone will be allowed up to 2 minutes each to speak.
- L. Motions to **Call the Question** will be similarly interpreted. **(2/3 Vote Required)**.
- M. **Requests for a Secret Ballot require advance written request of 5 voters prior, (or 7 voters immediately after a vote) present and identified at the Meeting. Motions to Restrict Reconsideration are only in order after the Article(s) have been addressed and decided.**
- N. IF the meeting is not finished by 11:00 p.m., the moderator will recess the meeting to a future date.



Fog in the Hills by Sharelle Dixon

Common Motions	Second	Debate	Amend	Vote	Reconsider
Main Motion (Warrant Article)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Varies	Yes
Amend a motion	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Yes
Withdraw or modify a motion	No	No	No	Majority	No
Table or Resume the motion	Yes	No	No	Majority	Yes
Limit or extend debate	Yes	No	No	2/3	Yes
Division of the House	No	No	No	Honored	No
Point of Order	No	No	No	None	No