

Informational Public Hearing Handout

The public informational hearing for the proposed FY'22 budget and Town Meeting articles scheduled for Monday, March 1, 2021 will be conducted remotely via electronic means. The public will also be able to access and participate in the remote hearing by dialing in through telephone.

Accessing the Hearing

Please refer to the hearing notice and agenda for information on how to access the remote hearing. Please note that whether you join by telephone, computer, or device, you may be put on hold or in a waiting "room" until granted access to the hearing. You also may be muted or restricted from using any chat function until the public comment portion of the hearing.

Participation

The Selectboard will follow its agenda and allow public attendees to participate through voice (audio) means where feasible or alternatively using any chat function during the designated public comment periods on the agenda and at other applicable times as needed. Initially, the hearing host/organizer will mute all participants. This is necessary to control background noise. The host/organizer will then unmute participants or allow participants to unmute themselves when invited to speak by the Selectboard Chair.

Please review the following guidelines:

- The Chair will invite comment:
 - Following Board discussion of each Article on the agenda;
 - During any open public comment period, if applicable; and
 - Other times as determined by the Chair.
- When a participant/attendee is unmuted, that individual must state their name before commenting.
- All comments must be directed to the Selectboard. Cross conversations with other attendees are not allowed.
- Each member of the public will be allowed to comment on an Article before any one person is allowed a second comment/question on the same Article.

When the Selectboard adjourns the hearing, the host/organizer will end the electronic hearing by turning off/closing the remote hearing software. Attendees will be automatically disconnected.

Minutes and other public records that were part of the hearing will be made available in accordance with VT's Open Meeting and Public Records Laws.