

Moderator's Comments

**UXBRIDGE
FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
October 26 & 27, 2021
7:00 P.M.
Valley Chapel**

1. Call to Order

With the time being 7:00 and a quorum present, we will reopen the October 26, 2021 Fall Annual Town Meeting.

2. Salute to the Flag

3. This meeting is being broadcast live and is being recorded.

4. Valley Chapel

Again, on behalf of the town, I would like to thank Valley Chapel for the use of this facility. It is nice to be back.

5. Safety and Rules Governing the Meeting

The major rules governing the meeting along with a safety announcement from the Fire Chief are published on page 3 of the warrant. Please take the time to acquaint yourself with these items.

6. Introductions:

- A. Board of Selectmen
- B. Finance Committee
- C. Town Manager
- D. Town Counsel
- E. Town Clerk, etc.
- F. New Department Heads [Sette]
- G. New Superintendent of Schools

7. Moderator's Comments:

A. Summary:

- i. The Fall Town Meeting will consist of two nights, with Article 17 Amend Home Rule Charter the exclusive focus of tomorrow night's meeting. I will provide more detail on how we will proceed on Article 17 tomorrow night.
- ii. At the end of my comments, Mr. Pat Stephan, Chair of the Charter Review Committee, will give a quick summary of the Committee's work.
- iii. There are 17 articles on the warrant. At this time three articles will be Passed Over.
 - 1. Article 5 - Old Fire House Project
 - 2. Article 12 – Acceptance of Donation of Property
 - 3. Article 15 – Street Acceptance: Rifleman Way and Brady Court

- iv. I ask speakers to carefully think through what they want to say and limit themselves to 3 minutes. Less would be better.

To quote Mr. Jim Doherty, who was town moderator of Andover until the age of 90:

"I don't have a formal [time] limit, but I did tell the meeting that about three minutes is enough for anyone. After five, you put them to sleep. After seven, they're going to vote against you even if they agree with you".

- v. Our challenge tonight – as it is at every town meeting – is to be effective in the use of our words and wise in the use of our time.

8. Recognition:

- A. Mr. Rob Knapik is the Deputy Moderator tonight. Mr. John Morawski will be Deputy Moderator tomorrow night as Rob is a member of the Charter Review Committee.
- B. Thanks, the Town Clerk's Office, Community Access Television and IT Department for their work in making this meeting possible.
- C. Finally, I would like to thank the Town Manager's Office for its work on the warrants.