

Welcome to the Moderator page on the Town of Norwell's website. The Moderator oversees Norwell's Town Meeting, which serves as our community's legislative body.

Norwell has an "open" town meeting, which means that all registered voters are entitled to attend. As a result, without having to campaign, all registered voters automatically become municipal legislators. Please contribute to our unique form of direct democracy by attending Norwell's Town Meetings.

The procedural rules we follow at Town Meeting are governed by a combination of state law, town by-law, and our local practices. Follow the attached links to find Norwell's by-laws (the rules governing Town Meeting are found in Article IV) as well as a *Citizen's Guide to Town Meetings*, which has been prepared by the Massachusetts Secretary of State's Office.

If you have any questions, or would like to have the Moderator visit your community group to discuss the town meeting process, please contact Moderator Bill Coffey.

Upcoming Town Meeting Information

The Moderator's Meeting for the Special/Annual Town Meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2010 in the Osborne Room at Town Hall.

The 2010 Special/Annual Town Meeting will commence at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2010 at the Norwell Middle School's Henry Goldman Gymnasium.