

MEMORANDUM

TO: FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: Cathy Breen
DATE: May 6, 2010
RE: Proposed changes to Council Rules

After consulting with the Town Attorney, I'd like to suggest the following changes to the Falmouth Town Council's Council Rules Section 22 (1) and (2).

1. Any person seeking recognition must do so by raising his/her hand and, when recognized shall give his/her name and address prior to proceeding with questions or comments. All questions or comments shall be directed to the Chairperson. **Any member of the public has the right to disagree with or criticize the views or actions of any individual Councilor or Councilors. However, when addressing the Council in meetings, the speaker will confine himself or herself to the issue under debate and avoid personal attacks, name-calling, threats, and abusive, slanderous or libelous language.** Recognition shall be granted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Section 22.

2 (C) Agenda Item Requiring a Vote. **At the discretion of the Chair,** any resident **may** be allowed three minutes to comment on any agenda item which calls for a vote on any ordinance, order, or resolve; except for items for which a Public Hearing is required or has been previously held. Public comment will be accepted after the item has been introduced, but prior to Council deliberation of the item.