

**Town of Falmouth – Council Rules**  
**Proposed Amendment submitted on May 10, 2010**  
**Amended by Bill Plouffe on May 19, 2010**  
**Order to be considered on May 24, 2010**

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**Changes to Section 22 (1):**

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 and to criticize the views or actions of any individual Councilor or Councilors. However, there is a public interest in orderly and efficient Council meetings and in limiting public comment to relevant remarks which serve to illuminate the topics of Council discussion. In furtherance of these private rights and these public objectives the Council requires that, when addressing the Council during Council meetings, the speaker will confine himself or herself to matters relevant to the agenda item under discussion; avoid personal attacks and direct and implied threats of physical harm; and refrain from the use of abusive and obscene language and from making slanderous statements about Councilors or any other person.

**Changes to Section 22 (2.C):**

2(C ) Agenda Item Requiring a Vote. Any resident will 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. The Council may, by vote of a majority of Councilors present, limit or prohibit public comment on any agenda item which is not a public hearing in order to, promote efficient process or other reason related to management of its agenda and not related to the content of the comments being made or anticipated.