

Easton Town Government - Who Governs Easton? You Do!

The Town of Easton has no charter and is therefore governed by state statutes. These statutes provide for local regulations through Town ordinances that are enacted by majority vote by the Town's legislative body.

Easton's legislative body is the Town Meeting

- each citizen represents him/her self (not through an elected representative)
- Voting is by majority of those present & voting

What actions can be taken at Town meeting?

- Discussion and voting on the annual budget
- Land acquisition and municipal property lease agreements
- Town financial matters including teacher/union contracts
- Acceptance of new Town roads
- All matters as governed by state statute for "legislative body"

Why is the Town Meeting important?

- This meeting is the sole opportunity for the citizenry to have a voice in Town matters as a collective, take action on Town ordinances, and any other matters as governed by state statutes.
- When the citizens are not actively participating in Town governance, boards, commissions and the three members of the Board of Selectmen are making the decision for you.

How do Town meetings get called?

- The Town Board of Selectmen can call a meeting by issuing warnings (notices) that site the items to be discussed and limited actions to be taken
- Special Town meetings can be called by submitting a petition written by any citizen or citizen group and signed by 50 voters. Petitions are submitted to the Board of Selectmen, reviewed by the Town Clerk's office for signature verification and the meeting must be held within 21 days of petition receipt.