



Tips for Speaking at a public hearing or town meeting

- 1) Be brief (stick to your key points) and avoid being repetitive
- 2) Submit written comments in advance of the meeting if possible
- 3) Be respectful
- 4) Avoid reading from a piece of paper – be personal and passionate and reflect on your personal experience
- 5) Bring someone you know with you – there is strength in numbers
- 6) Adjust the microphone before you begin talking
- 7) Practice will make it easier, as will watching others delivery their testimony
- 8) Say “thank you”