

With every right, goes a duty! It is our right to participate in our government, it is also our responsibility to take part in the governing process.

At the meeting of the select board on Sept. 10, a group of people attended as citizens to exercise the right and responsibility of participating in the business of the community.

In this process, it is important that common courtesy be applied. All of those in attendance will be impacted by the decisions that are made. These citizens are also the source of the funds for running the town.

When the chairman of the board stated that he "would not accept input from the people in the audience", it showed a serious lack of common sense and respect. The people in attendance are the people who must pay the expenses of the town. They should be able to express concern's and get information relative to the decisions being made by the board. The chairman of the select board did not apply *common sense in this situation*.

There to be a display of common courtesy, both on the part of the boards members and also from the members of the community. The total lack of common sense and basic common courtesy at this meeting was inexcusable.

This event reflected negatively upon our town. More towns people need to pay attention to how town business is being conducted. We need to avail ourselves of the opportunity to benefit from our rights and to full fill our responsibly at citizens.

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