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WEVD Public Hearing Policy

- 1. The Chair (or other Commissioner in the Chair's absence or to whom the Chair designates the role) will open the hearing by announcing the purpose of the Public Hearing and summarizing these rules by which people may participate.
- 2. The Chair will ask all persons attending the hearing at the physical location to print their names and addresses on the sign-up sheet.
- 3. The Chair will ask all persons who are attending remotely online to either send an email to the AGM, Ms. Kinney at wea.judy@waterville-estates.com, or indicate at the appropriate time their desire to speak. The email requests can be made at any time during the hearing. Ms. Kinney will compile a list of names and addresses in the order she received notice from those attending remotely. Then others who are remote will have an opportunity to speak.
- 4. The Chair will ask all persons who are attending remotely on their telephones to call into the Community Center so Ms. Kinney can compile a list of all those telephonic attendees (names & addresses) who wish to speak. There should be no difficulty leaving the Zoom meeting to place this call and then re-entering the meeting. THE NUMBER TO REACH MS. KINNEY DURING THE RECESS IS 603,726,3082.
- 5. An explanation of the item(s) under discussion at the Public Hearing will be given by the Commission or its designees (staff, engineers, etc.). The Commissioners may ask questions to clarify or expand upon what staff has presented. If it is a Petitioned Article, the petitioner will have up to 10 minutes to explain the Petitioned Article.
- 6. The Chair will then open the meeting for public input. Each member of the public will be granted up to five (5) minutes to speak. Members of the public can only speak one time until everyone has had a chance to speak. Commissioners or staff may respond but are not required to respond.
- 7. The Chair will first recognize those attending the physical location where the meeting is broadcast to speak during the public hearing.
- 8. After every member of the public who is present has had the opportunity to speak once, the Chair will call a brief recess to obtain the list of those attending remotely by Zoom or phone who have made the request to Ms. Kinney. They will be allowed to speak up to 5 minutes in length.
- 9. Once all members of the public who wish to address the Commission have had an opportunity to speak once, any member of the public who wishes to speak again will be given an opportunity to speak for up to five (5) minutes.
- 10. The Chair will then ask the Commissioners and staff if they have any additional comments.
- 11. The Chair will then close the Public Hearing.
- 12. The Chair will then consider any motions to be made at this time on the subject matter of the Public Hearing.

Adopted on: February 16, 2022 Effective date: February 16, 2022

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