

## **TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD**

### **THE GENERAL BY-LAWS**

#### Article 1 – Town Meeting

1. The Annual Town Meeting for the election of officers shall be held on the first Monday in May, and the business meeting shall be held on the second Monday in May.
2. The hours of voting in town shall be determined by the Select Board, but the polls must be open for at least four hours.
3. Notice of every Town Meeting shall be given by posting attested copies of the Warrant to the official town web page and at the Chesterfield Post Office and the Town Office Building.
4. All votes or motions shall be taken by a show of hands, or a voice vote, but nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the vote taking of a vote by ballot, if a motion to that effect shall be duly made and carried by a majority of the voters present and voting thereon. When a question is determined by ballot vote, every person voting shall have his or her name checked by the checklist of the Registrars of Voters before depositing the ballot in the receptacle provided.
5. The Moderator may decline to accept obviously frivolous motions. Motions shall be presented in writing upon request of the moderator. All questions asked of any person shall be asked through the Moderator.
6. No motion, the effect of which would be to dissolve the meeting, shall be in order until every article in the Warrant has been duly considered and acted upon, but this shall not preclude the postponement of consideration of any article to an adjournment of the meeting at a stated time.
7. No person shall address the meeting until recognized by the Moderator, nor speak more than once on the same subject to the exclusion of any other who may desire to speak.
8. The Moderator may direct that only registered voters be admitted to the place of meeting or to a definite portion thereof.
9. All committees shall report as directed by the Town. If no report is made within a year after appointment, the committee shall be discharged unless the Town grants an extension of time.