

## **Types of votes taken at a Town Meeting**

Budget Appropriation	Majority vote
Prior Year Budget Appropriation	
at Annual Town Meeting	4/5 vote
at Special Town Meeting	9/10 vote
Special Articles	
most articles	Majority vote
to authorize borrowing	2/3 vote
to amend by-laws	Majority vote
to amend zoning by-law	2/3 vote
to change municipal use	2/3 vote, except majority vote vote for low & moderate housing
to purchase land or take by eminent domain	2/3 vote
To Appropriate monies to or from a stabilization fund	2/3 vote
To Reconsider an Article already voted on	2/3 vote, but vote taken at next session unless current session is the last session
To Rescind a vote	by Town Charter "out of order"
Proposition 2 1/2 override vote	<b>Never taken at a Town Meeting</b> <b>Only by a majority vote at an election</b>
Resolutions	At the discretion of the Moderator but traditionally restricted to items within the jurisdiction of Town meeting; ex. no votes on war, abortion, etc.
Standing votes and roll call votes	Seven voters may stand to request a standing vote. A roll call vote can be held at the Moderator's discretion.
Secret Ballot	Advance notice to the Moderator by petition is required and it is at his discretion.