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Subject: Live Public Comments during Meetings

Dear Members,

How do you justify banning Beacon Fall's residents from making live comments during the 'comments from the public' portion of any and all monthly meetings?

A 11/13/2020 P&Z Meeting document states only public comments sent through email multiple days in advance would be heard "due technical limitations." This excuse seems suspect given the technology actually used to host these meetings. Dozens of officials are able to flawlessly participate live over the phone, do "technical limitations" only exist when it comes time for the public to participate?

Before COVID, live public comments during meetings were the norm. Why reverse this longstanding standard? With the technology available at our fingertips (tuning in by phone), why should the public's voice have to pay the price for trying to participate during the pandemic?

Your townspeople eagerly await a response, and hopefully, a policy change.

Respectfully Submitted

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