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**POLICY OF CIVIL DISCOURSE
TOWN OF NORWELL**

This policy applies to the boards, presiding officers, public officials, members, commissions and committees and other representatives appointed by the Norwell Board of Selectmen and those representatives appointed by the Town Administrator. Other Norwell Boards and Committees are encouraged to adopt this policy as their own.

- A Norwell public official is expected to treat all members of the public and other board/committee members with respect. Differences of opinion are inevitable and valuable which can be discussed without personal attacks;
- Members of the public who address Town boards and committees are expected to express their opinions with the same level of respect. Individuals who are not civil in an open meeting may not be recognized by a meeting Chair;
- Members are expected to be familiar with the Town of Norwell Committee, Commission and Boards Handbook.