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Former town moderator weighs in

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TEXT BODY:

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In response to recent letters regarding Newfane Town Meeting:
All Newfane voters have the right to petition the Selectboard to put an article on the warning. It is then up to the meeting to vote on it. Majority rules.
I would welcome any article regarding a question of local, state, national, or international concern that followed the guidelines for what makes an effective article. An effective article

12 asks a straightforward question on which members can vote Yea,
13 Nay, or Abstain. Articles should not be overly long, have many
14 subordinate clauses, or be mistaken for an editorial.

15 Just as voters can petition for political articles, they also
16 can petition to limit debate to town business. Even during a town
17 meeting, voters have opportunities to change the rules of debate,
18 to amend articles, and to end debate from the floor by knowing,
19 following, and using Roberts Rules of Order.

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BIO/COATTAIL:

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20 The writer served as Newfane town moderator from 2010
21 to 2024.

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