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Dear Windham Town Councilors,

Good evening. I hope this message finds you well.

I'm writing to respectfully request that the Town of Windham consider transitioning from the traditional Saturday in-person Town Meeting vote by hand to a modern referendum-style ballot process, similar to what is currently used for the RSU 14 school budget.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the recent Town Meeting, which meant I had no opportunity to voice my opinion or vote on the matters presented. I believe I'm not alone in this situation. Many residents—due to work, family obligations, health, or other conflicts—are unable to attend a single scheduled meeting, yet we still care deeply about the decisions being made for our community.

A referendum-style vote would ensure that every registered voter in Windham has a fair and equal opportunity to participate in the democratic process, regardless of scheduling conflicts. This approach would be more inclusive, accessible, and representative of the entire town.

Please consider this change in the interest of broader community involvement and equity. I appreciate your service and your continued efforts to make Windham a great place to live.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

P.S. Can you read this at the public participation time at tonight's meeting?

Eric Colby
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