

Moderator

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Incumbent

Deborah Brown

This is the question that the League asked the candidate for Moderator at Candidates Night (February 13, 2020). This is the answer Ms. Brown provided.

You meet with warrant article sponsors, town boards and committees as well as citizens, prior to the start of Town Meeting. What information are you seeking from them and what information do you give them?

This planning meeting is an opportunity to discuss the process, but not the substance, for the various warrant articles. We discuss timing, who will offer motions, what the time limits will be for presenters, and which boards and committees plan to offer opinions. I review general procedures and the flow of the meeting for the sponsors of citizen petition articles, since they are often new to the process, and answer any questions they may have. It's also an opportunity for me to get a sense of whether motions are in good shape and helps me start to put together a proposed schedule of articles and assign a date certain to particular articles, if appropriate.