

# Citizens Guide to Open Meetings

## Open Meetings

In the State of Massachusetts, [M.G.L. Chapter 39](#), Section 23B states all governmental bodies must have meetings that are open to the public and readily available to *anyone* who wishes to attend.

The Massachusetts Open Meeting Law applies to governmental entities at the state and local levels. In general the Law requires that meetings of such entities be open to the public, that notice of such meetings be publicly posted and that accurate records of the meeting be kept and made available to the public.

The Town of Palmer provides access to meetings online in a variety of ways. First, by listing on our Municipal Calendar the scheduled meetings that will be taking place today along with those that will be taking place in the near future. Regularly scheduled meetings are held in Palmer by the Town Council, Standing Committees and Boards & Commissions. Meetings of the Town Council are televised live on Palmer's Government Channel 12. Additionally, agendas and minutes for the meetings as well as supporting documentation for agenda items are posted for public review.

The Town of Palmer has a strong commitment to keeping everyone engaged in local government.