Town meetings: conducted using a form of
**parliamentary procedure**

* A formal set of ways of making decisions.
* *Robert’s Rules of Order* (book)
* An action is called a motion and “you make a motion” /
“you move …”

I move that we go to Starbucks for coffee.

I move that Mr. Imura be appointed president.

Usually a **second** is necessary … a second is an action
in which someone agrees with the motion.

“I move that we go to Starbucks for coffee.”

“I second that.”

* Either discuss the issue or vote on the issue.

“All in favor say ‘Aye.’” (Aye = Yes.)

“All opposed say ‘Nay.’” (Nay = No.)

The motion is carried. (approved, YES)

The motion is defeated. (NO)

* Either discuss the issue or vote on the issue.

The floor is now open for discussion.

Note: the speaker does not have to yield the floor.

Often a simple majority

Ogunquit, Maine

We all live in lovely Ogunquit ☺, but the economy is
struggling. The suggestion has been raised that a
nuclear power plant be built in Ogunquit.

With a group, you will represent a particular interest
group.

* Nuclear power industry
* French nuclear power monopoly, Areva
* Local tourist group
* Local Chamber of Commerce
* Local people
* Local fishermen
* Greenpeace (not green peas)
* Alternative energy groups –solar energy?
* Alternative energy groups – tidal power?
* Alternative energy groups –Windpower?
* Local restaurants

**Speaking as local fishermen, we believe that …**

Ogun

<https://youtu.be/UxxuhdSKbic>

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Class #14 – July 15, 2016

Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome to summer. I suspect our rainy
season is, finally, at an end!

Class #15 – July 22, 2016

Good afternoon, everyone, and welcome to our final class of this term (where did the time go?!?)

**Should Ogunquit support the construction
of a nuclear power plant?**

* Our purpose today is to reach a decision about this …
* “Speaking as a fisherman, I believe …”
* “Speaking on behalf of the local fishermen, I believe …”
* I move that … / I second that.
* “I move that we require two things of the nuclear power plant’s
construction company and of the operating company. First,
I move that both companies must provide environmental
impact reports.

“I second that.”

“The floor is now open for discussion.”

“I move that the discussion be closed and the motion
be put to a vote.”

“I second that.”

“All in favor, please say, ‘Aye’.”

“The motion is carried.”

* Second, I move that, in the event that plant is
completed and has an adverse effect on the local fishing
industry, that the two companies shall compensate the
community for lost revenue.”

“I second that.”

“I move that we table this motion for now.”

“I second that.”

“I move that we do not allow the construction of
a nuclear power plant.”

“I second that.”

“The motion is carried, and we will not …”

“I move that we adjourn.”

“I second that.”