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TO: Departments - Boards - Committees - Commissions - Councils
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RE: How to Post a Meeting
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Listed below are the current instructions for posting an open meeting in compliance with MGL Chapter 39 Section 23B.

Process:

- 1 Book a location to hold the meeting:
 - BCC members will book a location via Employee Contact or call the Town Clerk's office
 - Staff will book location via Outlook Calendar
- 2 Create meeting agenda using the current Agenda Template available on Town of Reading website
- 3 Provide the agenda to the Town Clerk's office allowing time for agenda to be posted within 48 hours of meeting
- 4 If providing the agenda via email please email to meetingposting@ci.reading.ma.us or lgemme@ci.reading.ma.us and jrodger@ci.reading.ma.us - an email will be sent verifying the meeting was received and posted
- 5 Town Clerk's office will post the agenda on website and in book outside Town Clerk's window within Town Hall
- 6 All meeting cancellations must be cancelled via the Town Clerk's office

Notes:

- All meetings must be posted with the template provided on Town of Reading website
- All meeting postings must be typed; no handwritten postings will be accepted
- All meeting postings must be received by the Town Clerk's office by 3:00 PM to be posted that day – any postings received after 3:00 PM will be posted the next business day
- Keep in mind Town Hall is closed on Fridays
- Unless there is an emergency, meetings must be posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting (Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays do not count.)

Example: *If the Select Board wish to hold a public meeting on Monday morning at 10:00 AM the meeting must be posted by 10:00 AM on Wednesday morning. Therefore must be received by 3:00 PM the on Tuesday afternoon.*

- Postings must be posted by an Officer authorized to call such meeting
- Postings must include the date, day, time and place, including address of the meeting and a list of topics within the agenda
- Postings must be submitted to Town Clerk's office
- The Town Clerk's office will post the meeting in a binder at the Town Clerk's office as well as post on the Town of Reading website
- Only one meeting per form may be posted

In addition, any cancellations, changes of date, day, time or place for an open meeting must also be posted in accordance with the instructions above. Any meetings that are continued, recessed, or delayed, should be posted under the same guideline above.

Please contact the Town Clerk's office with any questions or concerns.