

Request to appear before the Board of Selectmen

# Item #4

Unless the issue is an emergency, all requests need to be furnished to the Town Administrator no later than noon on the Thursday prior to the Board Meeting.

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**ACTION DESIRED:** Please specify what action you desire the Board of Selectmen to take as a result of your presentation. Please be as specific as possible.

The New Boston Taxpayer's Association is a group of New Boston residents who have joined to study the workings of our Town government and School system in an attempt to accomplish two objectives:

1. Lower or reduce the growth rate of property taxes.
2. Identify inefficiencies and redundancies that may or may not exist in our Town Government and school system that has led everyone's property taxes to increase even during the last 10 years of a "housing recession".

We believe by talking with Town employees starting with department heads and elected officials we can provide a more comprehensive analysis of our Town's fiscal challenges and how they might be mitigated. Some of our members come from an array of management backgrounds, government employment, and study committees whose goals were similar to what we hope to achieve.

We are seeking the Board's understanding and approval to conduct such an in depth study.

**PREVIOUS STEPS TAKEN:** Please indicate any attempts that you have made to resolve this issue prior to asking to appear before the Board of Selectmen. If current procedures require that you place your request elsewhere prior to possible action by the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator shall inform you at the time you complete this form.

Voting, letters to the editor in the New Boston Bulletin, and the use of social media have been our only options to this point.