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Memo To: All Town Boards and Committees
From: Ellen B. Miller, Town Coordinator
Date: January 11, 2012
Subject: Open Meeting Law

In an effort to keep up-to-date on the state's *Open Meeting Law* (OML), please be advised that the OML does allow a quorum of another public body to attend a meeting of another public body without having their meeting posted. Specifically, the OML states this under "...**exceptions to the definition of a meeting**" on page 4 of the Open Meeting Law Guide) that:

Members of a public body may attend a meeting of another public body provided that they communicate only by open participation; however, they cannot deliberate at such gatherings.

Attached is a copy of the AGO's **Open Meeting Law Guide** and a FAQ sheet from their website concerning meeting notices. It's good to keep updated on current laws. I learned something new reading the meeting notice FAQ sheet...if you continue a meeting to another date/time, it still needs a new meeting notice posted 48 hours in advance. Perhaps reading these materials you'll find something new also.

For additional information go to <http://www.mass.gov/ago/government-resources/open-meeting-law/>

If you would like hard copies of the materials attached, or materials from the AGO's website, I'll be happy to print them out for you. I've left copies of the OML Guide and the town hall hearing rooms and will send one up to the school.

Attachments (2)

- **Open Meeting Law Guide** dated March 24, 2011
- **OML FAQ: Meeting Notices**