

## Comparison: SB-2 vs. Town & School Meeting

Category	SB-2	Town/School Meeting
Inclusivity	VERY INCLUSIVE- Allows everyone who wants to vote to be able to vote. Absentee Ballots are available if you are away.	VERY EXCLUSIVE- Only those who can make it to the meeting can vote. VERY RESTRICTIVE, your voting rights are taken away if you can't attend.
Representative	VERY REPRESENTATIVE-Voting is quick and efficient and easy. Absentee ballot option leaves no one out.	VERY UNREPRESENTATIVE-Meeting starting time of 7:00 PM and long drawn out meetings make it difficult for seniors or the handicap to attend & people who work off shifts.
Voter Fraud	LITTLE TO NONE: 100% of the vote is taken by a ballot vote. Only registered Bow can vote.	VERY HIGH POTENTIAL FOR FRAUD. Voters and nonvoters are in the same location where voice votes and standing votes are taken. Very little effort to check this.
Potential for voter to be disenfranchised	LOW-Your vote can not be reversed by a small group of people. Like the Town Meeting the SB-2 deliberative session relies on a small percentage of people who will decide what is voted on. The good thing is they have to wait to vote on it.	VERY HIGH POTENTIAL FOR VOTER DISENFRANCHISEMENT: The abuse of the reconsideration vote is very common at Bow/Town and School Meetings. It is so common that nearly every vote is followed by a restrict reconsideration vote. Even with a successful restrict reconsideration vote a small group of people can still get a revote and disenfranchise those who have already gone home.
Easy	VERY EASY: You vote yes or no on all ballot questions. Your voting hours are very flexible from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM or by absentee ballot at your convenience.	VERY COMPLEX AND CONFUSING: Town meeting rules are very complex and confusing. These rules are easily abused because they are difficult to understand.
Intimidation	SB-2 Protects you from intimidation. You vote in the privacy of the voting booth.	VERY INTIMIDATING: Most votes are cast in public. You have to stand in long lines if you get a ballot vote.

<b>Debate</b>	<b>STRONG DEBATE: SB-2 gives everyone equal opportunity for a fair open debate.</b>	<b>UNFAIR DEBATE: Debates are often one-sided hard sell “infromercials.” Little time is given to make your decision.</b>
<b>Educated voter</b>	<b>SB-2 gives the voter one month to learn the issues. They can get informed from any source the voter is comfortable with.</b>	<b>MISINFORMATION IS MISTAKEN FOR EDUCATION: So called experts have misinformed Bow voters on multiple occasions. Such as the need for a new school &amp; saying the enrollment was increasing when it was actually decreasing.</b>