

York Conservation Commission (YCC)

Remote participation in public meetings

1. Remote participation. This policy governs remote participation in public meetings of the YCC, by means of telephonic or video technology allowing simultaneous reception of information, and may include other means when such means are necessary to provide reasonable accommodation to a person with a disability.

A. Members. In accordance with state statute, members of the YCC are expected to be physically present for public proceedings, except when being physically present is not practicable. Circumstances in which physical presence for one or more members is not practicable may include:

- (1) The existence of an emergency or urgent issue that requires the YCC to meet by remote methods;
- (2) Illness, other physical condition or temporary absence that causes a member to face significant difficulties traveling to and attending in person.

A member who participates via remote methods is present for purposes of a quorum and voting.

B. The public. Members of the public must have a meaningful opportunity to attend by remote methods when members of the body participate by remote methods; this must include an effective means of communication between the members of the YCC and the public.

2.. Notice of a meeting involving remote member participation must include the means by which members of the public may access the proceeding using remote methods.

3. All votes taken during a public meeting using remote methods must be taken by roll call vote that can be seen and heard if using video technology, and heard if using only audio technology, by the other members of the YCC and the public.