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Civic CMS Basic Training Manual

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1.0 Introduction

This document will provide you with the basic information that will allow you to perform the fundamental activity of maintaining and creating content for the website. It does not describe every command in full detail but rather is intended to be used in conjunction with subject matter learned during your training session.

Please visit our CivicCMS Online User Center below to access How-To videos, manuals, and to sign up for our free bi-monthly online 30 minute training tutorials:

https://supportcenter.vt-s.net/municipal-help-center

2.0 How To Login and Change Password

Login

Look for a Login button on the website (typically located in the header or footer of the site), then click on it and this will bring you to a login screen where you will need to enter your User ID (not email address) and password.

Password Change

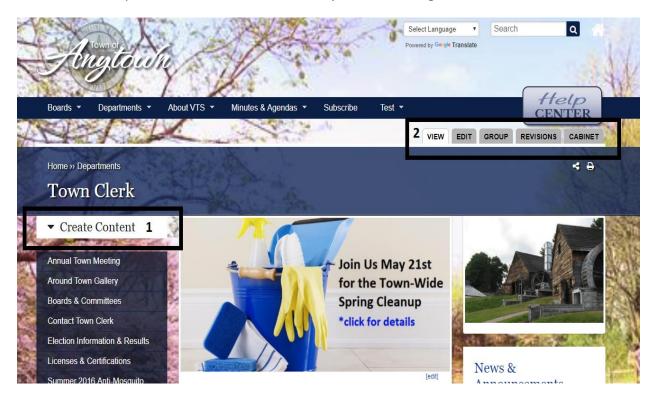
Once logged in, click the My Account link at the bottom of the webpage. Click the **Edit tab** and the section shown below will be displayed. Change password by entering the new password in the boxes shown below and clicking the **Save** button

Current password			
Enter your current password to change the <i>E-mail address</i> or <i>Password</i> . Request new password.			
E-mail address *			
tsmith@ourtown.gov			
A valid e-mail address. All e-mails from the system will be sent to this address. The e-mail address is not made public an only be used if you wish to receive a new password or wish to receive certain news or notifications by e-mail.	d wil		
Password Strength:			
Confirm password			
To change the current user password, enter the new password in both fields.			



3.0 What Happens When You Login

- On the left-hand side, you will see the "Create Content" pane (see image below) in your respective department, board or committee. Commands listed in this section are used to create new content and will be described in this manual. To expand the menu to see all available commands simply click on the black down arrow head.
- 2. You will also see a series of tabs to the top right-hand side of the webpage named View, Edit, Group, Revisions, and Cabinet.
 - a. The Edit button allows you to enter the edit mode used to make changes to existing content you are currently viewing on the site.
 - b. Revisions allow you to see changes that have been made to a webpage since it was previously saved (note that changes are displayed in HTML, red font color)
 - c. The Cabinet tab brings you to an area where all web content associated with the Department, Board or Committee you are working on is listed.



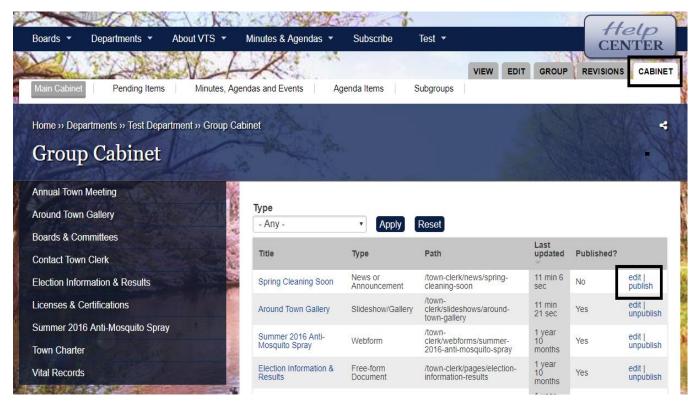


4.0 Cabinet - Overview

• From the Department, Board or Committee home page you will see a Cabinet tab listed towards the top of the right-hand side of the webpage. Clicking on this will bring you into the Cabinet, where you will see a listing of all items that belong to the Department, Board or Committee, including files, links, faqs, web pages, etc. Content created from respective Create Content pane is automatically placed in Cabinet.

Please Note: The Cabinet tab is only accessible when viewing the Department, Board or Committee home page.

- **Sort Capability** Clicking on the column heading text will allow you to change the sort order of what you are viewing. This will assist you in finding an item that was recently added or modified.
- Publish & Unpublish Clicking on this link will either take the webpage off the website
 or place the webpage on the website. Unpublishing does not delete the content, merely
 hides it from website visitors. Unpublished content can easily be found via the Cabinet
 tab.
- Edit Will allow you to go directly into edit mode for that row's item.



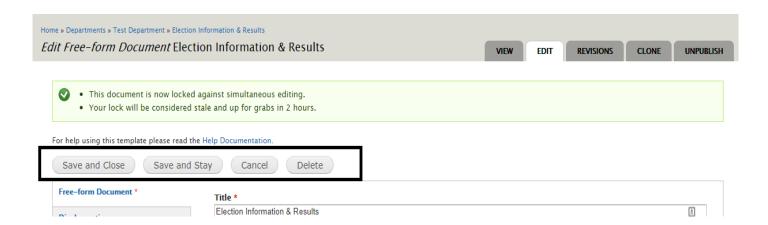


5.0 Saving Changes & Deleting Items

Saving - When you have finished creating a new item *(webpage, FAQ, event, etc)* or modifying an existing item, you always need to click the **Save and Close** button located at the top or bottom of the screen you are working in. This will save the changes and publish them to the website. There is also a **Save and Stay** button that will save your changes and allow you to continue to make more changes to the item you are working on in Edit mode.

Cancel - Will allow you to exit from the page, any changes not saved will be ignored.

Deleting - When looking to delete an existing item, you will need to edit the item and click on the **Delete** button shown below. **It will ask you to confirm deletion but once confirmed** *the item is permanently deleted and cannot be easily recovered.*

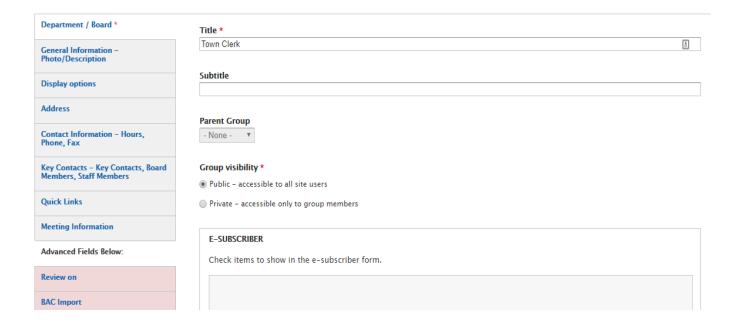




6.0 Editing Department, Board or Committee Home Page

When editing a Department or Board home page, there are a number of light grey tabs on the left hand side of the form that you will be using. **Only use the light pink tabs when instructed to do so by CivicCMS**. Each tab contains different fields of information for your board or department.

Department/Board Tab



Title - Title of the department or board. This will show up on the top of the page when you view the department on the site.

Subtitle - Subtitle of the department or board. This will display under the title when you view the department on the site.

E-Subscriber - Check the boxes that you want to allow website visitors to register for mailing lists so they will receive emails when sent regarding those topics. Most common are Minutes, Agenda, News & Announcements and Urgent Alerts. *If you forget to check off this checkbox, esubscribers will not get an email notification.*



Edit Department/Board Home Page Town Clerk **GROUP** REVISIONS **CABINET** This document is now locked against simultaneous editing. · Your lock will be considered stale and up for grabs in 2 hours. Save and Close Save and Stay Cancel Department / Board * This is a Department page General Information -This is a Board page MAIN IMAGE / SLIDESHOW Display options The contents of this field is displayed as a single static image or Address as a slideshow of images on the group home page. Uploaded images must be at least 320px in width so that they can span Contact Information - Hours, Phone, Fax the full width of a sidebar column. The title field acts as the image caption. Key Contacts – Key Contacts, Board Members, Staff Members Add a new file Choose Files No file chosen Upload Files must be less than 100 MB. **Quick Links** Allowed file types: png gif jpg jpeg. Images must be between 320x160 and 1220x1220 pixels. Meeting Information Advanced Fields Below: Description Review on B / U 🖹 ≜ ∄ 🗄 등 ∉ ≰ ← → 🙈 🧥 🏳 🝱 **BAC Import** A: x² x₂ " 🗏 🦸 🖺 🛍 🚳 🛍 🥒 Ω Normal → Font → Size → III III A 🕸 🕸 - 🗓 Revision information Closed **Publishing options** Published

General Information - Photo/Description Tab

Main image / Slideshow - Allows you to upload a department image or slideshow of images on the group home page, which will automatically appear on the upper right-side. Click Choose Files, select image to upload; click Upload. Internet Explorer and FireFox browsers have a Browse versus Choose File button.

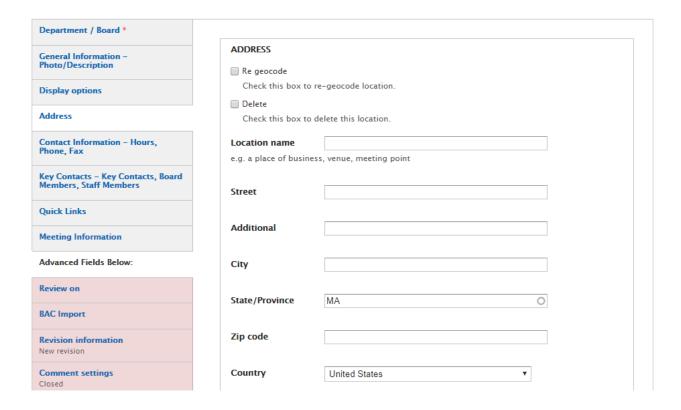
After uploading a photo, you will be required to add **Alternate Text** (used for screen readers and ADA Website Compliance) and an Image Title (shows up when you hover your mouse over the image.)

Image caption - Enter text in this field that will display under the uploaded image.

Description - Free-form area where you type or paste the text that will be displayed on your Department or Board webpage (functions similar to Microsoft Word or the message section for email). Often used for the Mission Statement or a Description of Our Services. See Section 20 for more detail about Free-Form



Address Tab

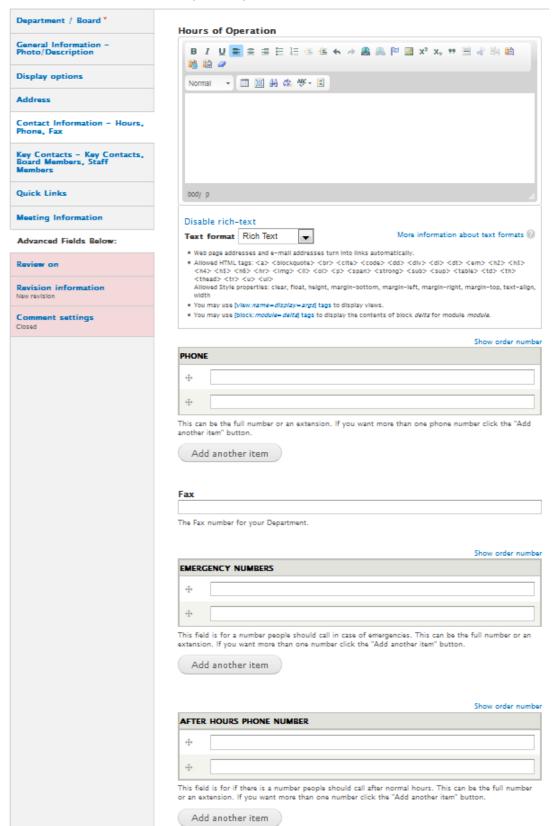


Location name - Label like "Town Hall", "Highway Station", or "Parks Department"

All other fields are standard address fields and display in the order seen. *Please be as specific as possible when entering address, Google Maps automatically creates a location link*. Click Save upon completion of fields.

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Contact Information - Hours, Phone, Fax Tab





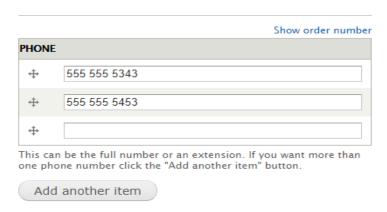
*Hours of Operation - Free-form area where you type the Hours of Operation that will be displayed on a webpage (functions similar to Microsoft Word or the message section for email)

*Underlining functionality and Uploading Images are disabled in this field

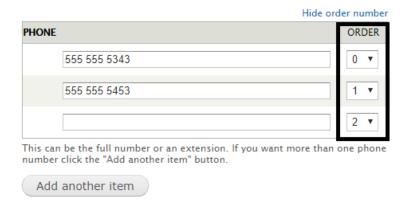
Example: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8 am - 4 pm

Tuesday, Thursday 9-5

Phone, Fax, Emergency Numbers, and After Hours Phone Number fields you can add multiple phone numbers, or one per field. For example, if your department has two phone numbers, you can enter the first number in the Phone section then click the Add another item button and an additional Phone field will show up. You can also reorder the numbers by clicking on and dragging the crosshairs to the left of the phone numbers.



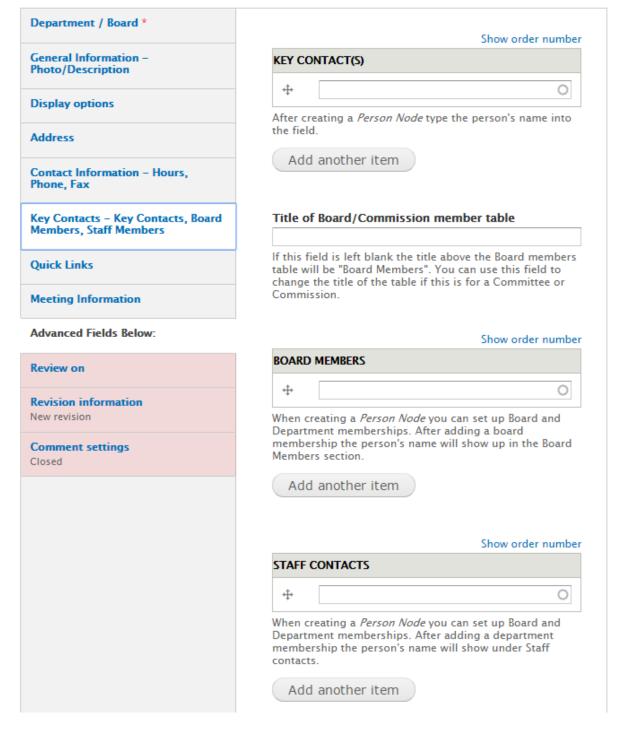
If you click on Show order number, you will see a view with a column labeled Order. From the dropdowns in this column, you can also arrange order of phone numbers.



The Emergency Numbers and After Hours Phone Number fields both work the same way.



Key Contacts - Key Contacts, Board Members, Staff Members Tab



Key Contact(s) - The User is to create each Person Profile prior to this page being populated. Once Person Profiles are created, they can be assigned on this page as Key Contact(s), Board



Member and Staff Contacts. In each of these fields, begin typing the Person's name and if they have previously been created, their names will populate these fields.

Meeting Information Tab - Mostly used for Boards to provide details for a regularly scheduled meeting.

Save and Close Save and Stay View changes Cancel		
Department / Board *	When	
General Information - Photo/Description		
Display options	Where	
Address		
Contact Information - Hours, Phone, Fax	Time	
Key Contacts - Key Contacts, Board Members, Staff Members		
Quick Links		
Meeting Information		

When - Enter weekday of the meeting or something like "First Tuesday of the Month"

Where - Enter location of meeting ie Town Hall, Room 102

Time - Enter the time of meeting, ie 7:00pm



7.0 Creating Website Items using Create Content pane

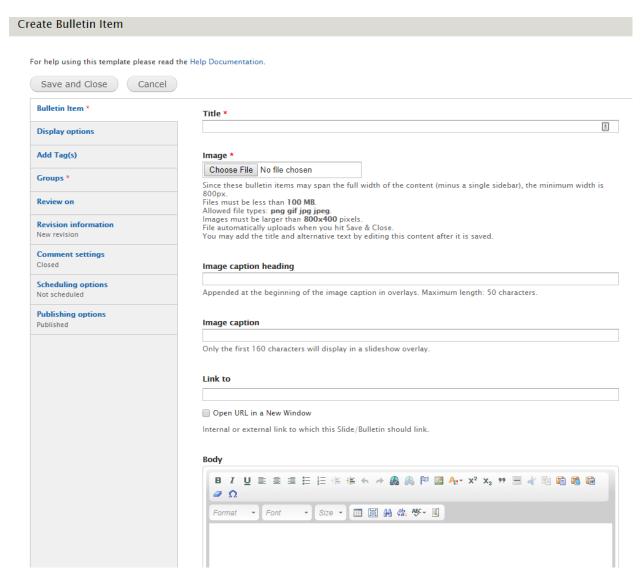
To access the Create Content pane, go to the homepage of your department. This can be done either by using the website navigation or clicking my Account on the bottom of the page, then click on the department link you would like to edit. Using the My Account link at the bottom of the page displays only those departments that you have permission to update.

The screen that displays will have a Create Content link in the left-hand side of the webpage. Click and the Create functions will display to create content for your respective department. Content added via Create Content pane can easily be found in List View in that Department's Cabinet.





8.0 Bulletin Item



- *Title Enter text that will be displayed at the top of the page when people click on the bulletin for more detailed information.
- *Image Click Choose File, select the bulletin board image, then click Upload. Internet Explorer and FireFox browser has a Browse versus Choose File button.

* Required fields

Image caption heading - Text entered will be appended to the beginning of the image caption in overlays. Minimum length is 50 characters.



Image caption - Only the first 160 characters will display in a slideshow overlay.

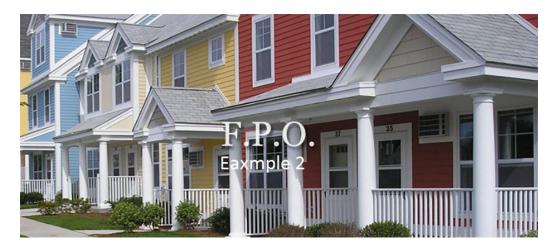
Note: Can use only one of the following options - Link To or Body option

Link to - Enter the URL if you want to link to an internal or external webpage when someone clicks on this Slide/Bulletin. Check the "Open URL in a new window" box if the link should open in a new window.

Body - Free-form area where you type or paste the text that will be displayed on a webpage when someone clicks on a bulletin *(functions similar to Microsoft Word or the message section for email).* Free-form content will display underneath the Bulletin image when Bulletin is clicked upon. **See Section 20 for more detail about Free-Form**

Bulletin Example:

Note: The system will automatically resize it to make sure the image is not too large but the minimum image size to be uploaded is 800 pixels wide and 400 pixels in height. It is better to create the images at the appropriate size because if the system resizes the images it could distort any text on them. If you have any sizing issues or questions, contact our Customer Support Center.



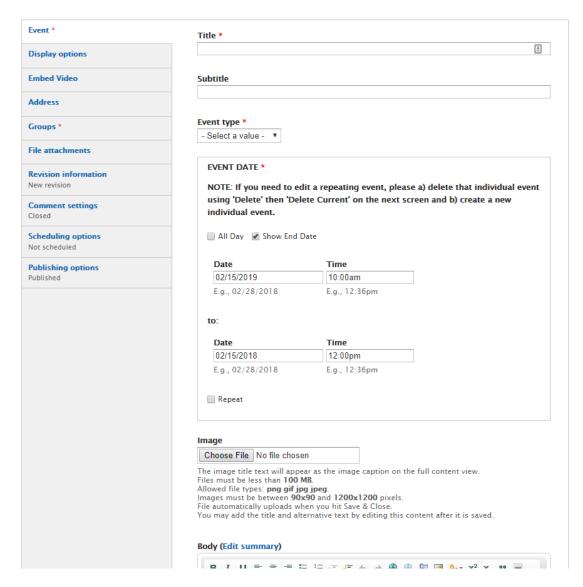
Review on Tab - Group Admin can click within the date box and a calendar will display to select the month, day and year to review the content. An email will be sent to the Group Admin email address with a review reminder.

Scheduling options Tab - This feature allows a Group Admin to choose Publish and Unpublish dates for Bulletin Notices. For both Publish on and Unpublish on fields choose Dates and Times for displaying notices. If the Publish on date is blank it will be published immediately. If the Unpublish on date is blank it will remain published on the website until manually removed.



9.0 Event

Create Event(s)



^{*}Title - Enter text that will be displayed at the top of the page when people click on the Event for more detailed information.

^{*}Event Type - Select the type of event from the drop down menu. The options to choose from are Community Event, Event, Holiday, and Public Meeting.



*Event Date

Show End Date check box
Event Date Event Time To Event Date Event Time

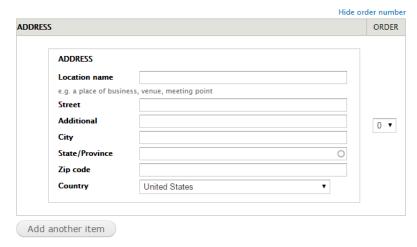
Optional Repeat check box for reoccurring events

If Repeat checkbox is checked off, Repeat section will automatically appear; with dropdown options and fields to complete based on how often Event is scheduled to Repeat.

* Required fields

Body - Free-form area where you type or paste the Event details information that will be displayed on a webpage when someone clicks on an event (functions similar to Microsoft Word or the message section for email).

Address



Location name of event - Label like "Town Hall", "Highway Station", or "Parks Department"

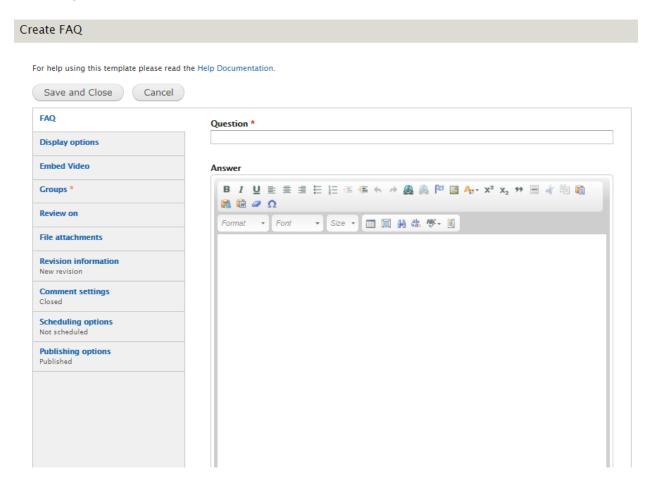
All other fields are standard address fields and display in the order seen. *Please be as specific as possible when entering address, Google Maps automatically creates a location link.* Click Save upon completion of fields.

File Attachments - To attach a file(s) to an event.





10. FAQ

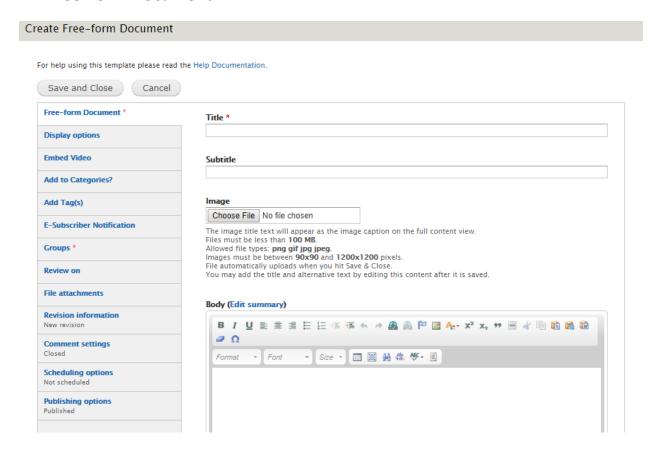


Question - Enter the question

Answer - Free-form area is where you type or paste the answer to the question. Function is similar to Microsoft Word or the message section for email. FAQ's must be created one FAQ at a time.



11. Free-Form Document



Title - Enter the title of the page that will show up at the top of the content area of the webpage.

Body - Section where text, images, tables can be added. The **Body** section is the free-form area and functions similar to Microsoft Word or the message section for email. **See Section 20 for more detail about Free-Form**

Display Options Tab

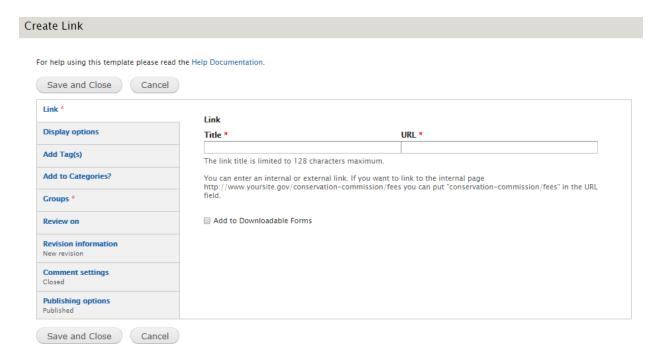
Add to persistent links - When this box is checked it adds a link to the webpage of the board, or department left navigation. If the box is unchecked, it won't display in the left navigation as a persistent link *but it will still be archived in the Cabinet*.

Open URL in a New Window - Place a check in this box if you want to open this webpage into a new tab on your browser.

Display on "Where Do I Go For?" page - If checked, this page will show up on the "Where do I go for" (also known as Service A-Z, How Do I, Find It Fast) page.



10. Link



Link Title is title of the link that will be displayed to your Board or Departments navigation.

Link URL - This can either be a link to an external page like a state or government site, or for a page in a different department.

- Internal page, use this format planning-department/pages/application-filingguidelines
- External page, use the full URL address http://www.mass.gov/portal

Display Options Tab

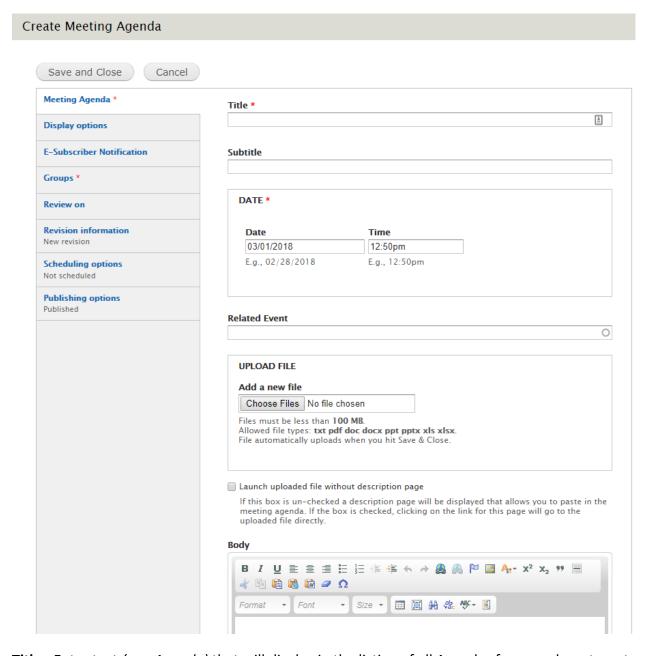
Add to persistent links - When this box is checked it adds a link to the webpage of the board, or department left navigation. If the box is unchecked, it won't display in the left navigation as a persistent link but it will be archived in the Cabinet.

Open URL in a New Window - Place a check in this box if you want to open this webpage into a new tab on your browser.

Display on "Where Do I Go For?" page - If checked, this page will show up on the "Where do I go for?" (also known as Service A-Z, How Do I, Find It Fast) page.



13. Meeting Agenda



Title - Enter text (e.g. Agenda) that will display in the listing of all Agendas for your department. **Subtitle** - Add subtitle to your Agenda

Date - Place the date and time of the meeting.

Related Event - If you start typing in the name of an event created on the calendar it will show you a list of potential matches. (*Note: Your upcoming Event has to first be created before you can link your Agenda to it*). Once you select an upcoming event this agenda will display on that event in the calendar. (*Note: The more you type into the Related Event field the easier it is to*



find the correct event. It starts searching from the start of the event name so if your event is called "Selectmen Meeting" you would want to start typing "Selectmen" instead of "Meeting". We also recommend using descriptive names for your events so it is easier to find when creating agendas).

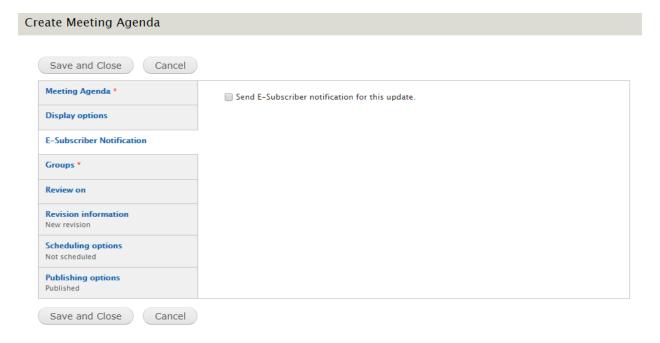
UPLOAD FILE - Upload a PDF of your Meeting Agenda by clicking the **Choose File** button and select the file, then click **Upload**. Internet Explorer browser has a **Browse** versus **Choose File** button.

Launch uploaded file without description page check box option. If this box is un-checked no description page will be displayed and clicking the Agenda link will just open the uploaded file. If box is checked a description page will display showing a date and time when the agenda was submitted, a link to the agenda pdf and the date for the meeting associated with the agenda. It will also display any information you have entered into the Body (section to be discussed).

Body - Section where text, images, tables can be added. The **Body** section is the free-form area and functions similar to Microsoft Word or the message section for email. **See Section 20 for more detail about Free-Form.**

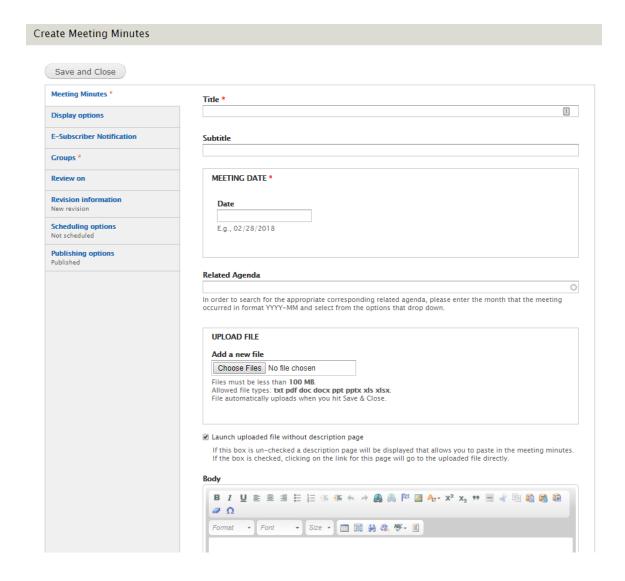
E-Subscriber Notification Tab

Send E-Subscriber notification for this update. If your Board or Department is set up so that people can subscribe to a new posting, then you can send the notification by placing a check in the box then click the Save and Close button to send email. *If you forget to check off this checkbox, e-subscribers will not get an email notification.*





15. Meeting Agenda Minutes



Title - Enter text (e.g. Minutes) that will display in the listing of all Meeting Minutes listing for your department.

Subtitle - Additional information can be entered as a subtitle.

Meeting Date - Place the date

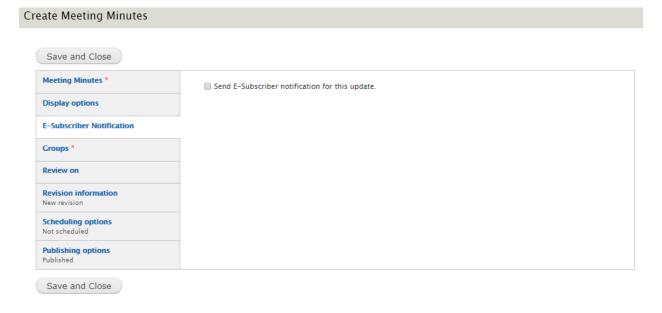
Upload File - Upload a PDF of your Meeting Minutes by clicking the **Choose File** button and select the file, click **Upload**. Internet Explorer browser has a **Browse** versus **Choose File** button.



Body - Section where text, images, tables can be added. The **Body** section is the free-form area and functions similar to Microsoft Word or the message section for email. **See Section 20 for more detail about Free-Form.**

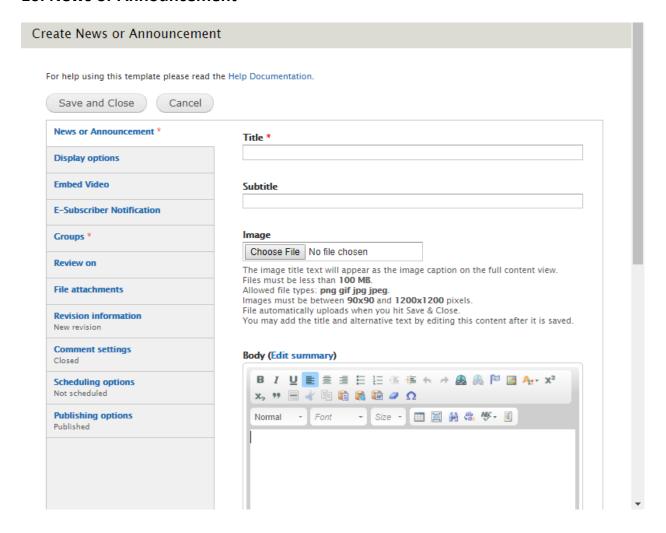
E-Subscriber Notification Tab

Send E-Subscriber notification for this update. If your Board or Department is set up so that people can subscribe to a new posting then you can send the notification by placing a check in the box then click the Save and Close button to send email. If you forget to check off this checkbox, e-subscribers will not get an email notification.





16. News or Announcement



Title - Enter text that will display at the top of the news item. It will also be used in the listing of news items on your department page.

Subtitle - Enter text that will display under the title of the news item.

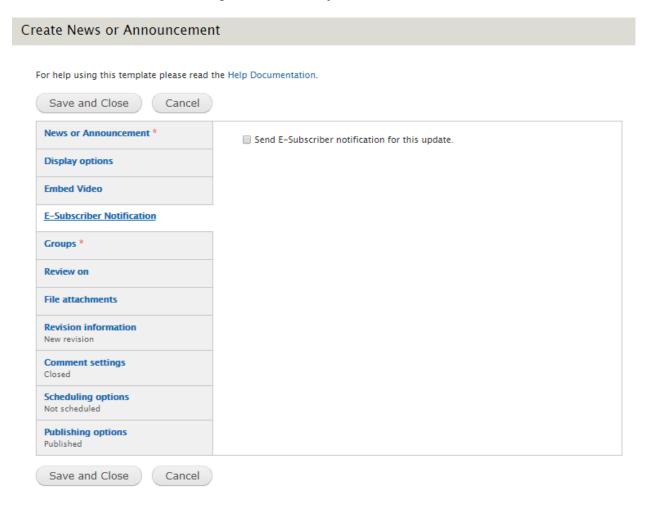
Image - Upload image to your news item. When an image has been uploaded a Title box will display allowing administrators to enter an image caption.

Body Text - Free-form area where you type or paste the news information that will be displayed when someone clicks on the link to view the new article (functions similar to Microsoft Word or the message section for email). **See Section 20 for more detail about Free-Form**



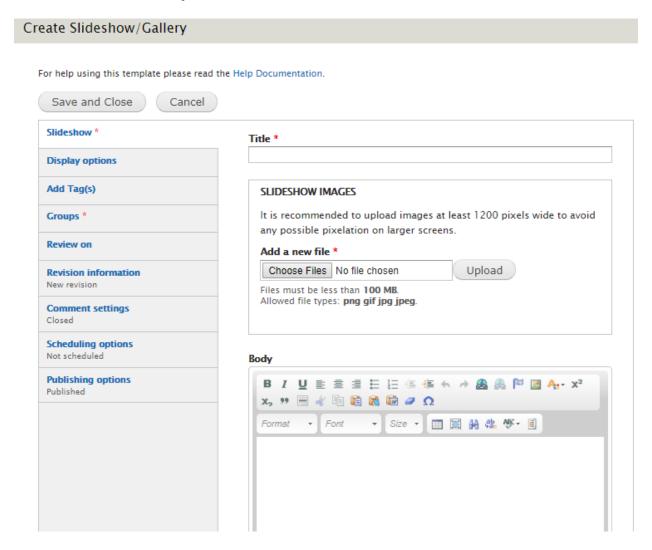
E-Subscriber Notification Tab

Send E-Subscriber notification for this update. If your Board or Department is set up so that people can subscribe to a new posting, then you can send the notification by placing a check in the box then click the Save and Close button to send email. *If you forget to check off this checkbox, e-subscribers will not get an email notification.*





17. Slideshow/ Gallery



Title - Enter a title that will display at the top of the slideshow page.

Slideshow Images - Click **Choose Files** button, select an image file and then click **Upload**. Click the **Add another item** button will let you add more images. Internet Explorer browser has a **Browse** versus **Choose File** button.

After uploading an image you will be required add Alternate Text, and Title text
(Captions) for the images. Anything entered as title text will display under the image as
it rotates.

Image Uploading Guidelines - Title text will be displayed as caption for each image. Since these images can be used to span full width of the site, the minimum image width is 1200px.



Body Text - Section where text, images, tables can be added. The **Body** section is the free-form area and functions similar to Microsoft Word or the message section for email. **See Section 20 for more detail about Free-Form.**

Display Options Tab

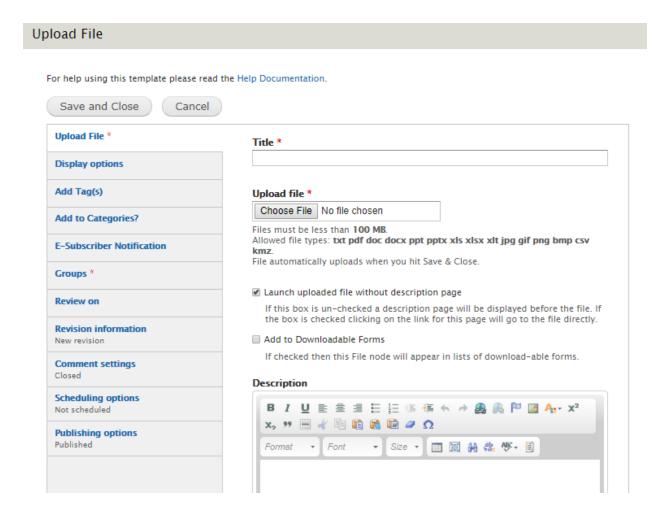
Add to persistent links - When this box is checked it adds a link to the webpage of the board, or department left navigation. If the box is unchecked, it won't display in the left navigation as a persistent link, but will be archived in the Cabinet.

Open URL in a New Window - Place a check in this box if you want to open this webpage into a new tab on your browser.

Hide Next and Back controls - If checked will hide the Next and Back buttons displayed under images.



18. Upload File



Title - Enter text to reflect what information is in the file you will be uploading.

Upload File - Click **Choose File**, select the file then click **Upload.** Internet Explorer browser has a **Browse** versus **Choose File** button. Allowed file types are: txt, pdf, doc, docx, ppt, pptx, xls, xlsx, xlt, jpg, gif, png, bmp, tiff and csv, they must be less than 50 MB.

Add to Downloadable Forms - If checked this File will appear in lists of download-able forms typically linked from the website homepage and usually named Forms & Documents.

Description - Section where text, images, tables can be added. The **Body** section is the free-form area and functions similar to Microsoft Word or the message section for email. **See Section 20** for more detail about Free-Form.

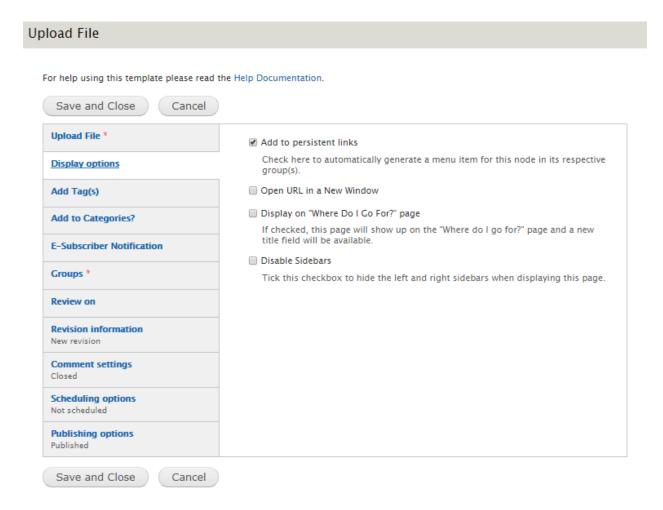


Display Options Tab

Add to persistent links - When this box is checked it adds a link to the webpage of the board, or department left navigation. If the box is unchecked, it won't display in the left navigation as a persistent link, but will be archived in the Cabinet.

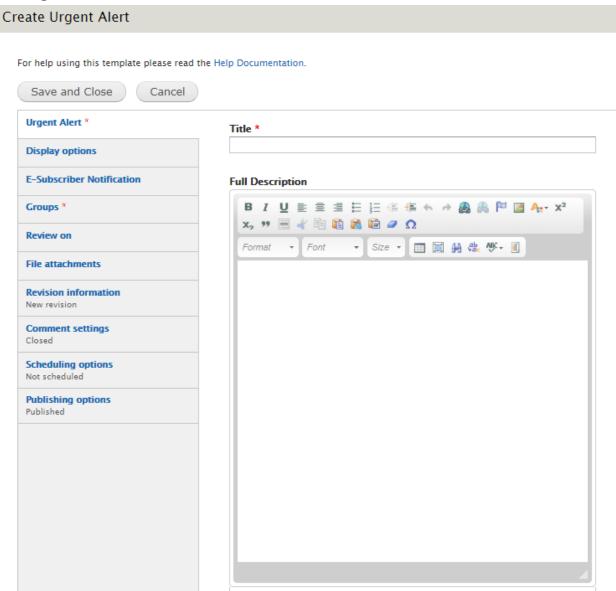
Open URL in a New Window - Place a check in this box if you want to open this webpage into a new tab on your browser.

Display on "Where Do I Go For?" page - If checked, this page will show up on the "Where do I go for?" (also known as Service A-Z, How Do I) page.





19. Urgent Alert



Title - Enter a title that will display on the Urgent Alert.

Full Description is linked from the Urgent Alert with detail. This section is where text, images, tables can be added. This section is the free-form area and functions similar to Microsoft Word or the message section for email. **See Section 20 for more detail about Free-Form.**



E-Subscriber Notification Tab

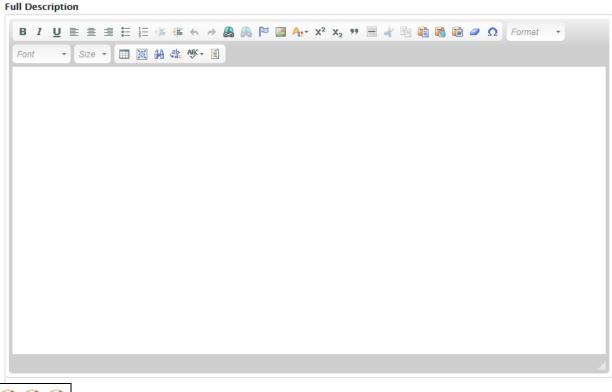
Send E-Subscriber notification for this update. If your Board or Department is set up so that people can subscribe to a new posting then you can send the notification by placing a check in the box then click the Save and Close button to send email. If you forget to check off this checkbox, e-subscribers will not get an email notification.

Scheduling options Tab - This feature allows a Group Admin to choose Publish and Unpublish dates for Bulletin Notices. For both Publish on and Unpublish on fields choose Dates and Times for displaying notices. If the Publish on date is blank it will be published immediately. If the Unpublish on date is blank it will remain published on the website until manually removed.



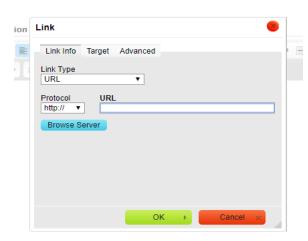
20. Free-Form Area / WYSIWIG / MS Word like area

Free form area is available on many of the CMS web forms and allows for adding or pasting of text, along with the inserting of images and tables. This area functions very similar to Microsoft Word or the message section for email. It is referenced on the web forms by the following names including Description, Body, Answer, Body Text, and Full Description.



- Use these buttons when pasting Plain Text or Text from MS Word, MS Excel

- Click this button when creating a link and the following window will appear. Remember you must first highlight the text or click on the image you want to make into a link, and then click the Link button. Past the URL into the URL box and click OK.





- B I U Use these buttons to Bold, Italicize or Underline text
- Click this button to insert an image. Then perform the following Click sequence to add the image to the Free-Form area. **Do Not Paste Images Directly Into The Free-Form Area**
- Click Browse Server
- Click **Upload**
- Click **Choose File** (select the image)
- Click **Upload**
- Click Insert File
- Click OK
- Click the first or second button to add bullets or numbers to text. The third and fourth button will indent or remove indentation of text.
- E = = Click these buttons to Left, Center or Right justify the text or image.
- Click these buttons to Find or Replace text in the Free-Form area
- Click this button when creating a table and the following window will appear. Enter the number of Rows and Columns for the desired table size.





21. Contact CivicCMS Customer Support

Customer Support is available for those individuals who have been given the authority to contact CivicCMS.

Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time

Customer Support Phone Number: 978-461-5895

Customer Support Email: support@vt-s.net

Online User Center: https://supportcenter.vt-s.net/municipal-help-center

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