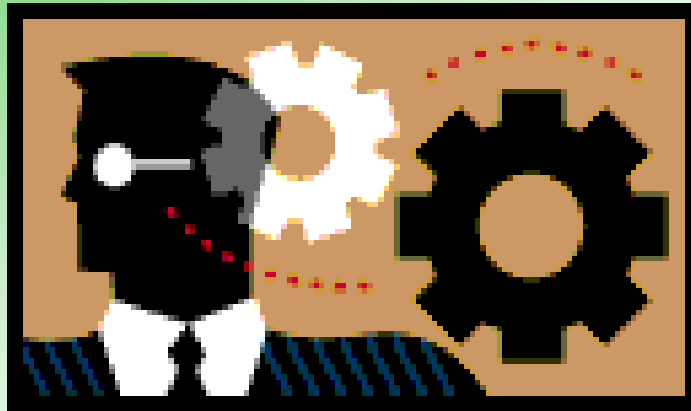


Process Democracy



*How Tools Learned in the
NFU Help us to Participate in
Public Processes*



Healthy Dissent

1. Remains flexible
2. Seeks to be useful
3. Stays calm
4. Invites conversation
5. Addresses problems
6. Develops alternatives
7. Expands Possibilities



The Toolbox

1. Gauge the room
2. Know the rules
3. Pick Your Battles
4. Identify Yourself
5. Motions Anchor Will To Action
6. Stating For the Record



The Toolbox

1. Gauge the room

What do you want to accomplish?



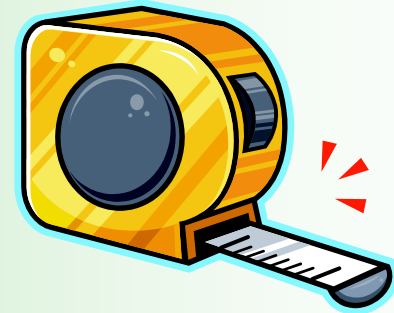
- Mike
- Back of the room
 - Near an exit

Maximize strengths/resources



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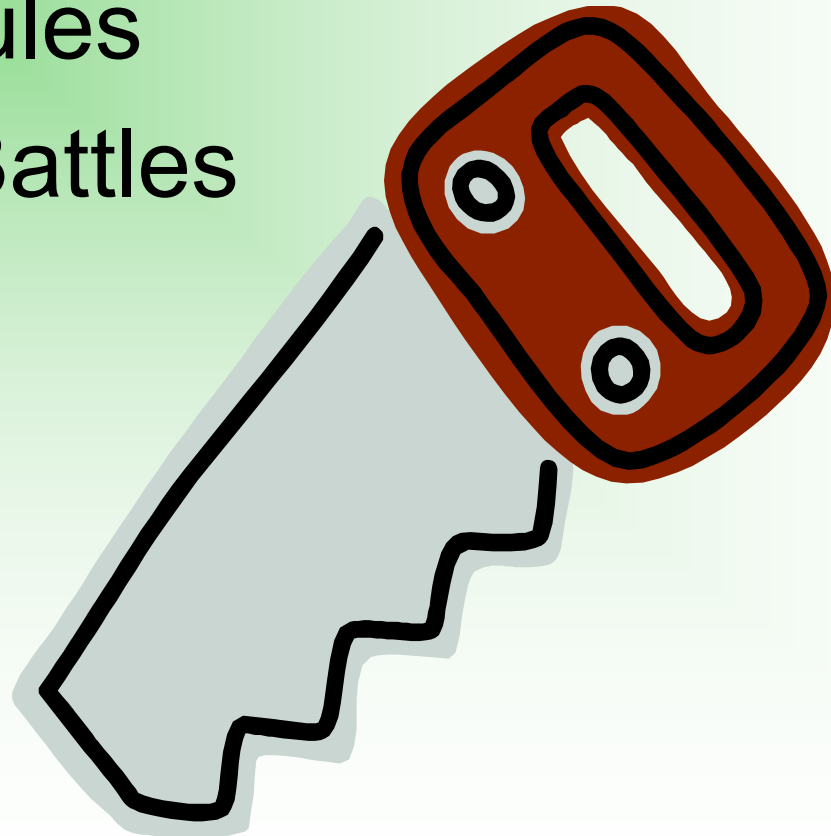
2. Know the rules

- *Rules, traditions/conventions*
- *Before the meeting if possible*
- *Clarify with chair/organizer at opening of meeting*



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SOMETIMES WE
NEED TO LOSE THE
SMALL BATTLES
IN ORDER TO WIN
THE WAR.

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Prioritize

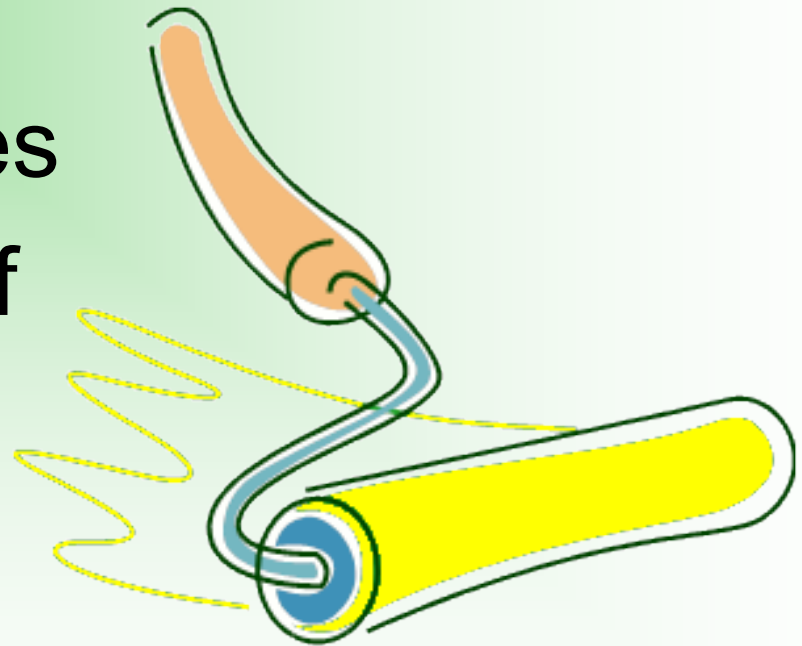
You can win the debate or you can challenge the process, but it is difficult to accomplish both

Trying to find and attract allies rather than alienating them



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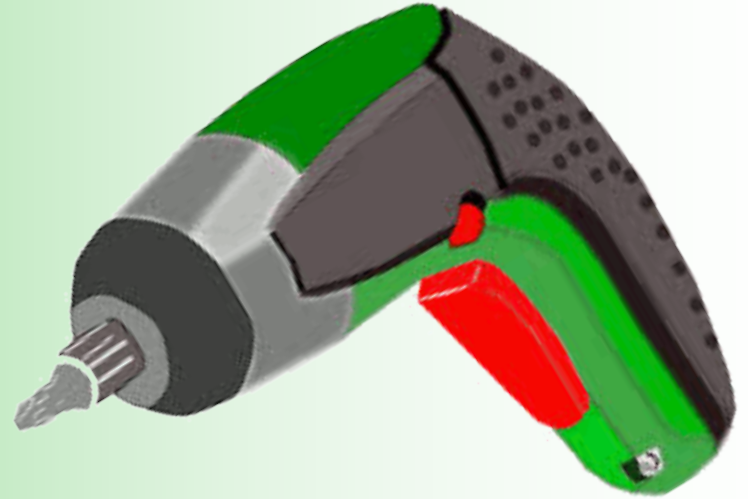


4. Identify Yourself

- anchors ideas
- prevents people from running away with meeting
- comments remembered

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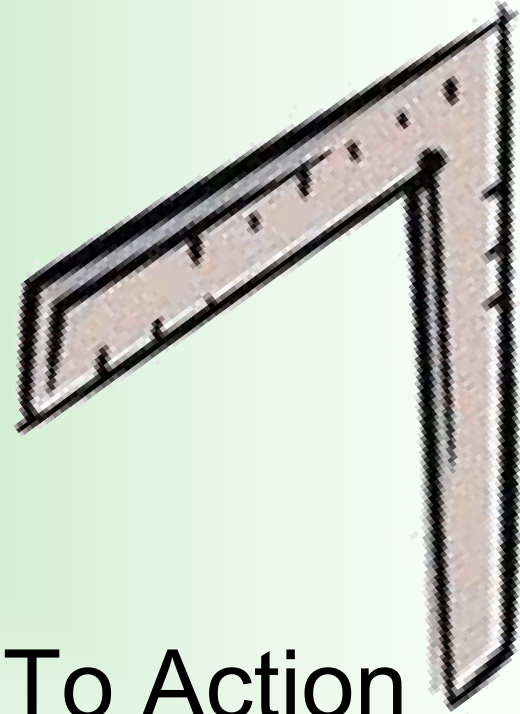
5. Motions Anchor Will To Action

In order to have effective action from a discussion, you need a statement answering the who, what, when where and how that action is going to happen. (Even in a consensus model process.)



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It's never too late to say important things



Conclusion

- Know what you want to achieve
- Use the basic tools we've suggested
- Find and attract allies rather than alienate
- Maximize strengths/resources
- Hopefully move a step forward
- Be patient and remember that democracy is a slow process

