

**REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
ANNUAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2012**

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CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

The Regular Annual Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Donna Rajczewski, Town Clerk, who took Roll Call and swore in the newly-elected members. She also read the fire safety announcement for the auditorium.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were present:

From District I, there were 9 members present, 2 absent.
From District II, there were 15 members present, 2 absent.
From District III, there were 14 members present, 2 absent.
From District IV, there were 12 members present, 3 absent.
From District V, there were 14 members present, 3 absent.
From District VI, there were 12 members present, 2 absent.

The absentees from District I were : Henderson, Valentino.
The absentees from District II were: Hilton, B. Thorne.
The absentees from District III were: Conniff, Moore.
The absentees from District IV were: Hardison, Millar, Peters.
The absentees from District V were: Duffy, Fead, LeHan.
The absentee from District VI was : McDermott, McNamara.

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

Seth Morton, District III, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, said there had been one nomination received, that of Sarah Seelye. He asked for nominations from the floor. There were none.

**** SETH MORTON, DISTRICT III, CHAIRMAN OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, MOVED TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS.**
**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**
**** SARAH SEELYE WAS ELECTED MODERATOR BY ACCLAMATION.**

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

**** THE AGENDA WAS ACCEPTED BY UNIVERSAL CONSENT.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Seelye said that Karen Armour had been a member of the RTM for 28 years, Moderator for the last 10 years and has done an amazing job. She asked Mrs. Armour to come down to the podium and presented her with a silver plate.

First Selectman Jayme Stevenson spoke of how proud Darien is of Mrs. Armour's 28 years of service. She did it with class, wisdom and a sense of humor. She presented Mrs. Armour with flowers.

Eugene Coyle, District III, said he was quite upset that Mrs. Armour, who he had advised to run for moderator ten years ago, was leaving. It has been a pleasure and a privilege working with her.

Mrs. Seelye said she hoped that, ten years from now, people would say the same things about her.

Seth Morton, District III, said that he and Mrs. Armour started working together in 1985, first on the Finance & Budget Committee, and then on the Rules Committee. It has been a great honor to work with her these many years, and he wishes her the very best.

Mrs. Armour thanked everyone and said it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Moderator.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 SPECIAL MEETING

**** THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY UNIVERSAL CONSENT.**

ORIENTATION

The Moderator reviewed the orientation packet, which included the roles of RTM members, Standing Committees and Freedom of Information requirements.

ELECTION OF THREE MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

The Moderator said there had been three nominations received for the three positions - Eugene Coyle, Thomas Moore and Seth Morton. She asked if there were any nominations from the floor.

**** JAMES CAMERON, DISTRICT IV, NOMINATED FRANCIS HUCK,
DISTRICT I.**

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

The Moderator said that she would be resigning her seat on the Board of Ethics as of tomorrow. She asked each candidate to address the RTM as to his qualifications.

Eugene Coyle, District III, spoke first for Mr. Moore, who could not be present tonight - only the 2nd meeting in 17 years that he has missed. He is the Chairman of the Board of Ethics and Mr. Coyle is the Co-Chairman.

Seth Morton, District III, said being on the Board of Ethics is a very important position. He has served on this board in the past. It is similar to a Grand Jury, and he takes it very seriously.

**** JAMES CAMERON, DISTRICT IV, RAISED A POINT OF INFORMATION.**

He asked if the Moderator could advance her resignation tonight. The Moderator tendered her verbal resignation from the Board of Ethics, leaving four positions to be filled.

**** EUGENE COYLE, THOMAS MOORE, SETH MORTON AND FRANCIS HUCK WERE ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS BY ACCLAMATION.**

DISTRICT ELECTIONS: CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, 2 RULES COMMITTEE MEMBERS

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CHAIR</u>	<u>VICE-CHAIR</u>	<u>RULES COMMITTEE</u>
I	Reilly Tierney	Diane Conologue	Peter Kelly Patti Bumgardner
II	Cecelia Mundt	Nina Miller	Jeffrey Marston James Howe
III	Bruce Orr	Steven Anderson	Dennis Maroney Seth Morton
IV	Brian Rayhill	Sandra Savage	Marilu Cleary Frank Kemp
V	James Patrick	Mark Adiletta	James Patrick Joanne Hennessey
VI	Janet Grogan	James Palen	Gary Swenson Deb Ritchie

**** ADJOURNMENT FOLLOWED COMPLETION OF DISTRICT MEETINGS.**

Respectfully submitted,

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