

## **RTM Finance & Budget Committee -Special Meeting Minutes 06//09/2014**

Present: J. Davis, M. Banks, R. Cardone, S. Anderson, T. Duffy, J. Palen, D. Ritchie, , M. Thorne, and A. Rycenga

Absent: B. Hayes, K. Hoffman, B. Ball, G. Dupont, A. Millar, and J. Boulton

With 9 of 15 members present consisting of quorum, J. Palen called the special meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

The purpose of the special meeting Discussion and Vote on Resolution 14-16 - approving an ordinance for the Town of Darien to join the Western Connecticut Regional Council of Governments.

Topics discussed were:

- What towns would be in the COG?
- If we decide to join the COG can we get out of it and what would the process be to get out of it?
- What guidelines would the person appointed by the Board of Selectmen representing the Town of Darien in the COG have when a vote is required in the COG?
- What will happen if we decide not to join the COG?
- Does the COG have any taxing authority?
- The benefits to joining the COG and the disadvantages of not joining?

Following the discussions a call to question was made by J. Davis. to vote on Resolution 14-16 approving an ordinance for the Town of Darien to join the Western Connecticut Regional Council of Governments. The call to question was unanimous with all 9 members present in favor of voting on the resolution 14-16. The resolution passed with 6 in favor (J. Davis, J.Palen, M. Thorne, D. Ritchie, A. Rycegna, and M. Banks); 3 opposed (R. Cardone, T. Duffy, and S. Anderson); no abstentions.

A motion to adjourn the special meeting was made by J. Palen and seconded by T. Duffy at 7:58 pm