

**REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE
“DRAFT”**

Minutes of a Special Meeting Held on December 7, 2009

On December 7, 2009, a meeting of the RTM Finance & Budget Committee was held in the employee lounge of the Darien Town Hall with eleven of fourteen members present.

Present were:

Preston Bealle
Jack Davis
Terry Duffy
Ted Hawkins
Nora McIlree
Bruce Orr
John Price
Anita Rycenga
Bill Smith
Reilly Tierney
John Wolcott

Absent were: Charles Brode, William Peters, Marc Thorne

Bruce Orr called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the resolution to enter into a contract to purchase the property known as 33 Cherry Street. Our vote on Nov. 23, 2009 was unofficial since it was not properly “warned”. Some general discussion was held to recap the scope of the project for the benefit of the new committee members. Bruce reiterated that the role of the finance and budget committee is to analyze the financial impact to the Town and he stressed that this is an event driven situation in that the State of CT qualified for disaster relief funds from FEMA after the April 2007 floods. This has nothing to do with the overall flood mitigation plan, but rather falls under the hazard mitigation grant program. It was noted that at our last meeting committee members had some concerns since the resolution doesn’t specifically identify the 75%/25% FEMA, Town of Darien contributions to the total cost. Bruce referred to a previous resolution voted on by the RTM where in fact the allocation was identified and it is felt that that is adequate but Bruce will include the concern in his comments to the full RTM this evening so it becomes a part of the minutes. Ted Hawkins made a motion to vote and it was seconded by Terry Duffy. The resolution was unanimously approved although it should be noted that John Price and Reilly Tierney were not present for the vote as District II had to meet for a caucus prior to the regularly scheduled RTM meeting.

Bruce Orr reviewed sub-committee preferences. Nora McIlree opted to be on the BOS sub-committee and Reilly Tierney the BOE sub-committee. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Dated: Dec. 8, 2009
Respectfully submitted,
Anita M. Rycenga
Clerk
RTM Finance & Budget Committee