

Special Meeting
of the
Planning, Zoning and Housing Committee (PZH) of the
Representative Town Meeting (RTM)
January 19, 2016

The committee met tonight with 11 of 15 members present. We discussed and voted on an amended resolution of the Representative Town Meeting of the town of Darien authorizing the transfer of property at 35 Leroy Avenue to the care, maintenance and operation of the Darien Board of Education.

There were two motions voted on.

1. Motion was made to amend resolution to the following:

**AMENDED RESOLUTION (15-22) OF THE
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER
OF PROPERTY AT 35 LEROY AVENUE TO THE
CARE, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF
THE DARIEN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, property located at 35 Leroy Avenue is owned by the Town of Darien; and

WHEREAS, Nineteen Thousand (19,000) square feet of said property is currently occupied by the Darien Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, this portion of the property is being and will continue to be dedicated by the Darien Board of Education for school purposes, with the understanding that some time in the future the Town may reclaim the space for an alternate use

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town of Darien to transfer the care, maintenance and operation of a portion of the property at 35 Leroy Avenue to the Darien Board of Education.

The RTM PZH committee voted 10 in favor and 1 opposed to approve the amendment.*

2. Motion was made to amend the above resolution to the following:

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WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town of Darien to transfer the care, maintenance and operation of a portion of the property at 35 Leroy Avenue to the Darien Board of Education;

NOW THEREFORE BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

- (1) Within the next sixty days of the date of this resolution the Representative Town meeting will be presented by the First Selectmen with a full accounting of the cost of the 35 Leroy including its acquisition, budgeted verses cost of renovation, management of the renovation, projected improvements to the facility; and,
- (2) Within the next sixty days of the date of this resolution the Representative Town meeting will be presented by the First Selectmen with Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Darien as the owner of the facility and the Board of Education as its tenant covering the use, ongoing operating cost allocation between the Town and the Board of Education, and term of use of the specific interior and exterior elements of this facility including parking which Memorandum of Understanding will be approved by separate resolution by the Representative Town Meeting after the sixty day period.
- (3) The Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien hereby transfers the care, maintenance and operation of the nineteen thousand (19,000) square feet of the building known as 35 Leroy Avenue, currently occupied by the Darien Board of Education together with the adjacent land and parking area to said Board for school use purposes subject the approval of the Representative Town Meeting of the Memorandum of Understanding to be completed in the next sixty days.

The RTM PZH committee vote was as follows:

6 in favor, 1 opposed and 4 abstentions to approve the amendment.**

*First vote

IN FAVOR

Joanne Hennessy

Monica McNally

Ted Hawkins

Nanci Natale

John van dee Kieft

Joe Cherico

Liz Bacon

Jennifer Montanaro

Carolyn Bayne

Patrick Keane

OPPOSED

Fred Conze

**Second vote

IN FAVOR

Ted Hawkins

Fred Conze

Nanci Natale

John van der Kieft

Liz Bacon

Patrick Keane

OPPOSED

Joe Cherico

ABSTAIN

Joanne Hennessy

Monica McNally

Jennifer Montanaro

Carolyn Bayne