

Town of Darien
Public Works Committee to the RTM
Meeting: Sep 19, 2011, 8:00pm at Town Auditorium

Attendees: Mark Adiletta (Chair), Peter Kelly, Janet Grogan, Richard Poli, Holly Schulz, Frank Adelman, Thomas Moore, Allison Stolar, Bill Peters, Chris Noe

Absent: Kahn, Rayhill

Meeting Minutes:

There were 10 of 12 committee members. A quorum for the meeting was met.

1. Presentation by Craig Flaherty - Chairman of Flood Mitigation Strategy Commission. Flaherty read his April 18, 2011 memo distributed to the PWC and representatives from PZ&H and TGS&A. Currently the Darien EPC is charged with the responsibility for developing a storm water management plan to address flooding and erosion issues within Darien. Flaherty believes that this is in conflict with the Darien EPC responsibilities related to the :

- Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency and
- Conservation Commission.

He recommends that a Flood & Erosion Control Board (FECB) be established, separate from the Darien EPC. The FECB charter would utilize the existing Flood & Erosion regulations adopted by the EPC in August 2008. If the FECB is established by the RTM, then the need for the Flood Mitigation Strategy Commission is no longer needed and should be disbanded.

The Rules Committee has asked PWC to be the prime on this issue with PZ&H and TGS&A as secondary. This presentation was the start of the information gathering by the committees.

Mr. Peters will explore whether neighboring towns have similar FECB boards.

TGS&A to provide PWC with 1) existing 2008 regulations 2) most recent version of item referred by BOS and 3) governing state statute.

Committee will continue topic at next regular meeting.

2. Motion by Adiletta to accept the meeting minutes of April 18, 2011. Motion seconded. Results: 8 yea, 0 nay, 1 abstain.
3. Brief discussion by Adelman on who is responsible for the power (electrical) infrastructure in Darien. Adiletta will contact Darien DPW (Steeger) to determine if there is any analysis of costs related to burying the power infrastructure to avoid long power outages.
4. Brief discussion on tree trimming in Darien. It is not clear what the DPW's responsibilities are for tree trimming. Adiletta will contact Darien DPW (Steeger) and request more information on responsibilities of the Town vs. utility company for tree trimming.

5. Brief discussion of Tree Conservancy Organization. Adiletta has spoken to the organization and will ask their representative to make a brief presentation on the goals and objectives of the Conservancy at the next PWC meeting
6. Brief discussion about the Swap Shop at the Transfer Station. We would like to know who the self-appointed people are at the Swap Shop that separates the donated materials. Adiletta will ask Steeger when he contacts him on the other topics noted above

Motion to adjourn at 10pm by Adiletta. Motion seconded.

Next meeting of the PWC is scheduled for October 10th.

Peter Kelly
Sep 23, 2011