

**MINUTES
TOWN OF DARIEN
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
TOWN GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE AND
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING
7:30 pm, October 6, 2015
ROOM 213, TOWN HALL**

Attendees: Frank Kemp (Chairman). There were no members of the public in attendance.

Mr. Kemp called the hearing to order at 7:30 pm and remained available for public questions until 8:00 pm.

Mr. Kemp noted several items for inclusion in the minutes of the hearing:

- that the maintenance changes to the Charter and Code of Ordinances of 2012 had inadvertently transferred language from Part I – Chapter XIII (the Charter) to the Appendix B of the Code of Ordinance (operations of the RTM)

- that the RTM wishes to restore this material, having to do with the procedures for calling a special town meeting, back to the Charter section of the Code of Ordinances, without making any modifications to text.

- that the topic had been discussed at the September 14, 2015 meeting of the RTM's Rules Committee.

- that an announcement of the public hearing was published in the Darien News-Review on Friday September 25, 2015 (attached).

- that the draft resolution to be presented to the RTM for making this change (attached) has been reviewed by the Town's legal counsel.

Mr. Kemp noted this matter could be taken up by the RTM in January 2016, as that would be more than 60 days after the date of this public hearing, thereby fulfilling the requirements of the procedure required to modify the Town Charter.

The hearing was concluded at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Frank Kemp, Chairman, TGS&A Committee

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING

DARIEN, CONNECTICUT

TOWN GOVERNMENT, STRUCTURE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Town Government Structure & Administration (TGS&A) Committee of the Representative Town Meeting will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:30 pm in Room 213 of the Darien Town Hall to elicit comments from the public with regard to maintenance changes to the Town Charter concerning procedures for calling a special town meeting. The change does not alter the actual procedure for calling a meeting, but only involves the location of the text within the document. For those interested in reviewing the proposed changes, the documents are available in the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall.

The TGS&A Committee will consider the information gathered at the public hearing in making its recommendations to the full RTM.

Frank B. Kemp, Chairman

September 21, 2015

9/14/15
DRAFT: RTM RESOLUTION MOVING
PART-III- SEC. 3 OF APPENDIX B,
TO PART I - CHAPTER XIII – SECTION 53
OF DARIEN CODE (THE CHARTER)

WHEREAS, Appendix B, Part III – Section 3 of the Darien Code of Ordinances (as excerpted below) describes the procedures available for calling a special town meeting, and

WHEREAS, this procedure was inadvertently transferred from Part I – Chapter XIII (the Charter) to the Appendix B as part of the 2012 charter revisions, and

WHEREAS, the Representative Town Meeting wishes to move Appendix B, Part III-Section 3 out of Appendix B and back to the Code of Ordinances, Part I – Chapter XIII, Sec.53. This language was previously in Chapter XIII, Sec. 55 (b) and had been moved to Appendix B, Part III-Sec. 3, without making any modifications to text.

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Appendix B, Part III – Sec. 3 of the Darien Code of Ordinances be revised in accordance with the amendment attached hereto and made part hereof.

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Current text of Part III-Sec. 3 of Appendix B – Town of Darien
Rules of Procedure of the Representative Town Meeting

To be moved to Part 1 – Chapter XIII – Section 53 (The Town Charter) – without change.

Special town meetings may be convened by the moderator on his own initiative, and shall be convened by him within ten (10) days after he receives a written request from the first selectman, or after he received a petition, signed by no fewer than fifty (50) electors of the town. Such petition shall conform to the requirements for petitions set forth in section 7-9 of the General Statutes of Connecticut [G.S. § 7-9]. In addition, such request or petition shall state clearly the item or items of business to be considered at such special town meeting. In the absence or disability of the moderator, such special town meeting shall be convened by the town clerk within ten (10) days of his receiving such a request or petition or a duplicate copy thereof.

**REVISION TO APPENDIX B, PART III BY MOVING SEC. 3
OUT OF APPENDIX B AND BACK INTO CODE OF ORDINANCES PART
I – CHAPTER XIII -SEC. 53.**

Appendix B, Part III – Sec. 2 is moved to the Code of Ordinances Part I – Chapter XIII -Sec. 53.