

MINUTES

TOWN OF DARIEN REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING TGS&A COMMITTEE

April 6, 2009

Call to Order: There being quorum with eight out of 12 members present, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: John T. Whitehead (Chairman), Simon Y. Balian, Eugene F. Coyle, Frank B. Kemp, S. Lloyd Plehaty, Bohdana Puzyk, Sarah C. Seelye, and John O. Wolcott.

Absent: Angus James Cameron, Charles W. Grimes, Thomas W. Moore, and Samuel V. Schoonmaker.

Agenda: The Agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

Minutes: The Minutes of the March 4, 2009 meeting were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

Parking at Pear Tree Point: The Chairman informed the Committee that Section 42-51 of the Code regarding parking restrictions at Pear Tree Point was one of the sections identified as irrelevant and outdated. The police department enforces parking regulations and the police commission will ensure that there are proper signs at the location. Following discussion, the members concluded that deletion of Section 42-51 would render section 42-52 meaningless and that both sections should be removed.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the committee unanimously voted on a resolution to delete Article III from Chapter 42 of the Code and recommend the RTM adopt this deletion at its next meeting.

Report on Fees in the Code: Ms. Seelye and Mr. Kemp presented their report identifying and compiling all the Code section that have fees or fines attached to them. Pursuant to the charge given to them at the previous meeting, they made both a manual review and a computerized search to identify all these sections. The ultimate objective being to place all the fees outside the Code in a special schedule that is both easily accessible to the public and can be modified routinely. Identifying the Code sections was the first step. The Committee will work to review and amend these Code sections in the early phase of the process.

Upon motion, duly seconded, TGS&A unanimously accepted the report submitted by Ms. Seelye and Mr. Kemp.

Upon the Chairman's motion, duly seconded, TGS&A unanimously expressed appreciation to Ms. Seelye and Mr. Kemp for their work and the comprehensive report they submitted.

Rules Committee Charge to TGS&A: Per the TGS&A decision of March 4, 2008, Ms. Puzyk and Mr. Wolcott reviewed all the materials regarding the Rules Committee charge to the TGS&A in order to clarify, streamline, and organize the charge for the Committee. They reviewed the Minutes, discussions and all the presentations made to both RC and TGS&A and distributed a first draft outlining the charge as well as a streamlined process to follow in implementing that charge. They asked the members to review this draft and send their comments for further editing of the document.

Upon motion, duly seconded, TGS&A unanimously accepted the report submitted by Ms. Puzyk and Mr. Wolcott.

Upon the Chairman's motion, duly seconded, TGS&A unanimously expressed appreciation to Ms. Puzyk and Mr. Wolcott for their work and the comprehensive report they submitted.

Other Business: The Chairman, proposed adding the Dog Control Ordinance to the Agenda. The Committee unanimously consented.

Dog Control Ordinance: The Chairman informed the Committee that the Dog Control Ordinance was likely to be put on the Agenda of the RTM Special Meeting scheduled for April 27, 2009 and that he was asked to have the Committee act upon the final draft.

After extensive discussion of members' concerns about the ordinance, ranging from its legality and conflict with other regulations to issues relating to the resolution of fines, the Committee decided not to submit amendments to the final draft in order not to further complicate the process.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Chairman called for a vote on the proposed ordinance, the motion failed as follows:

For the proposed ordinance: Balian and Puzyk

Against the proposed ordinance: Coyle, Kemp, Seelye, Plehaty, Wolcott

Abstain: Whitehead

Pursuant to the Committee's decision, the Chairman shall recommend to the RTM that the proposed ordinance be rejected.

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Adjournment: There being no other business, the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:45 pm.

Recorded by:

/S/ Simon Y. Balian

Clerk