

**Town of Darien**  
**Representative Town Meeting**  
**Rules Committee**  
**Regular Meeting – 2-8-16**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Sarah Seelye (M), Jim Patrick, Seth Morton, Joanne Hennessy, Lois Schneider, Barbara Thorne, Martha Banks, Dennis Maroney, Frank Kemp, Gary Swenson, Liz Bacon, Ted Hawkins, Pat Bumgardner

**Audience:** Susan Cameron, Wayne Fox, Craig Flaherty, Chris Filmer, Shirley Nichols, Martin Cassidy, Jayme Stevenson, Susan Marks, Adele Conniff, Marc Thorne

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:07PM

**Approve Minutes:** The minutes from the January 11, 2016 meeting were approved with grammatical corrections

**Discuss and assign committees for the following resolutions:**

1. **Hecker Avenue Acquisition.** First Selectman Stevenson and representatives from the Darien Land Trust were present to discuss the item. Ms. Stevenson noted that state reimbursement for the project comes after the Town spends the funds. The money goes into Land Acquisition Fund. Since the Town pays for the land first the RTM must approve the project. Mr. Filmer made a presentation about a possible path through the property. Buying the land would keep the property under flood control. Ms. Conniff asked if the land would become dedicated park land. Ms. Stevenson replied not at the present time. Ms. Bumgardner moved to assign PZ&H as Primary with F&B and Park& Rec. secondary. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
2. **Acceptance of a gift from The Darien Land Trust** – Ms. Bumgardner moved to assign PZ&H as primary with F&B and Park and Rec secondary. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. **A Resolution authorizing increases in Land Use Board application fees.** There was a question from Mr. Swenson about what revenue will be generated from the fee increase. Ms. Bacon moved that PZ&H be Primary with F&B secondary. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
4. **Harbor Master’s request for changes to the Darien Code of Ordinances.** Mr. Morton moved that TGSA be assigned as Primary with PHS secondary. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
5. **Gift of three scoreboards in honor of Suzanne Stisser by the Darien Little League.** Mr. Maroney moved that Park & Rec be assigned as primary with F&B secondary. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Prepare Agenda for February 22, 2016 RTM Meeting**

1. Presentation of the Town Plan of Conservation & Development by Planning & Zoning Director Jeremy Ginsberg
2. (16-4) Consideration and action on the Planning & Zoning Director’s request for increases in Land Use Board application fees
3. (16-5) Consideration and action on the acquisition of 1.2452± acres of land on Hecker Avenue

4. (16-6) Consideration and action on the acceptance and appropriation of a gift to the Town of Darien of \$137,500 from the Darien Land Trust
5. (16-7) Consideration and action on the Harbor Master's request for an amendment to Darien's Code of Ordinances regarding use of moorings
6. (16-8) Consideration and action on acceptance of a gift of scoreboards and signs for fields at McGuane Park by the Darien Little League and the Stisser family

Mr. Morton moved the Agenda and it was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **RTM new member committee assignments**

1. District 1: Amy Barsanti - Park & Rec; Young-Sup Lee - Education; Ms. Bumgardner moved the assignments and the motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. District 2: Anstiss Agnew - TGSA; Mike Wheeler - PW; Ms. Bacon moved the assignments and the motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously
3. District 6: Charles Baldwin F&B, Mr. Swenson moved the assignment and the motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Discussion of RTM emails.**

Ms. Seelye introduced discussion of releasing personal Emails to the public. RTM members have access to darien.gov emails. There was a March 26, 2014 letter from the Board of Selectmen to the Town Boards and Employees telling them to use the Town email site to protect access to their personal emails.

TGSA was asked to provide an update regarding RTM members email self-nominating requirements - Mr. Kemp to refine attendance chart.

#### **Other Business**

TGSA committee has visited several other towns to look at what they are doing on a Blight Ordinance. There is no resolution on a Blight Ordinance yet.

Mr. Morton moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded.

The Meeting Adjourned at 10:05pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Seth Morton

Clerk