

Town of Darien
Representative Town Meeting
Rules Committee
Regular Meeting –3/3/2014
Minutes

Present: Sarah Seelye (M), Jim Patrick, Seth Morton, Joanne Hennessy, Lois Schneider, Gary Swenson, Ted Hawkins, Liz Bacon, Frank Kemp, Martha Banks, Dennis Maroney, Peter Kelly(8:13PM)

Absent: James Howe

Audience: None.

Call to Order: Ms. Seelye called the meeting to order at 8:05PM

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Hennessey moved that the draft minutes for the February 10, 2014 meeting be approved with one correction to show that Lois Schneider was present at the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Mr. Maroney Abstained.

Committee Assignments: Three committee assignments were introduced.
District 1- Fred Conze- TGSA, John Dweck- PHS.
District 2- Clara Sartori-Public Health

The assignments were moved by Mr. Swenson, seconded and passed unanimously

Contracts: Board of Education- Two contracts were introduced for inclusion in the Agenda.

1. Administration Paralegals Union Contract
2. Secretaries Contract

There was discussion about which committees should be assigned to the contracts. Also there was significant debate about the fact that both contracts contain defined benefit plans. Several members thought that defined benefit plans were being phased out of Public Service contracts. By extension it was note that very little documentation was provided to support the contracts. There was a lack of analytical documentation explaining the impact of the contracts on the Town Budget.

Ms. Hennessy moved to postpone action on the contracts and the motion was seconded. Upon further debate it was agreed that Ms. Seelye would attempt to obtain more information about the contracts; and that once further information was obtained; the Rules Committee would meet again. Based on this agreement Ms. Hennessy withdrew her motion.

Mr. Maroney moved that the following Committees be assigned to the contracts: Primary- Finance and Budget, Education and TGS&A - secondary. TGS&A was assigned because of requirements to change the Code of Ordinances. The motion was seconded and the item passed unanimously.

Ms. Seeyle suggested the following Agenda for the March 17 RTM Meeting:

1. Call to Order
2. Accept agenda
3. Approve minutes
4. Announcements
5. Report on the Library by Allen Grey
6. Board of Education Contracts

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

It was Agreed that the rules committee would meet next Wednesday night at 7PM to evaluate readiness of the Contract Resolution to be placed on the RTM Agenda.

Ms. Seeyle noted that the Board of education and the Board of Selectmen would be meeting with the Board of Finance to review their Budgets

The Darien Athletic Foundation will be meeting with boards sign contracts with turf companies to supply new Turf for the High School Fields.

Ms. Seeyle noted that the Town Plan of Development is being completed.

Mr. Morton moved to Adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:35PM

Respectfully submitted,



Seth W. Morton
Clerk