

**Town of Darien**  
**Representative Town Meeting**  
**Rules Committee**  
**Regular Meeting –4/28/2014**  
**Minutes**

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

**Absent:** James Howe

**Audience:** Board of Finance- Jamie McLaughlin

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>:** The following corrections were noted:

Comma after debate, Comma after the word agreement

Page 2- Small “a” for the word agreed. Board of Education Capitals.

Darien Athletic Association capitals.

“Moved to adjourn” small “a”

**March 5** no comments

The Minutes with corrections were approved unanimously.

Ms. Seelye introduced discussion on the Town communications system. There is a problem with dead spots in the emergency system. Mr. McLaughlin discussed some of the short falls of the existing system. Peter Kelly introduced the role of COGS as a way to involve the FCC in next 8-10 years for funding an integrated communications system.

Ms. Hennessy noted that the League of Women is going to make a presentation on the COGs and their impact on the region.

Ms. Banks introduced the subject of the town having a dysfunctional radio system. She mentioned the question of regionalism and a regional system. She felt that local systems are going to be changed over to a regional system.

Ms. Schneider felt that this item was not ready to go before the RTM due to lack of information.

Mr. Morton agreed. Mr., Kemp asked that the Rules Committee request technical information from the sponsors of the proposition. He felt there is a need for a package of information from Marc McEwen about the communications system.

Mr. Mahoney moved to assign Committees of the RTM to the item. He moved that Public Health and Services be primary and Finance and Budget be Secondary. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Banks- Outlined details of the presentation by the League of Women Voters about the Moore Committee. The presentation will be June 3 at 7PM at the Darien Library.

Mr. Maroney move to create the Agenda for the May 12, 2014 RTM Meeting

1. Appropriation for refunding \$60mm
2. Action on the Budget
  - a. Appropriations in the General Fund
    - i. Selectman's Operating Budget
    - ii. Education Operating Budget
  - b. Other Appropriations
3. Establish mill rate
4. Authorize borrowing of up to \$5,000,000

Mr. Morton moved to approve The Agenda. The Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.  
Mr. Swenson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:35PM

Respectfully submitted,



Seth W. Morton  
Clerk