

Town of Darien
Representative Town Meeting
Rules Committee

Regular Meeting - Wednesday, September 5, 2012

Attendance:

Present: Karen Armour (Ch), Gary Swenson, Seth Morton, Joanne Hennessy, Ted Hawkins, Debra Ritchie, Sandra Savage, MariLu Cleary, Tony Imbimbo, Peter Kelly, Dennis Maroney, Sarah Seelye

Audience: Carol Matten, Kate Keith, Deepika Saksena, Karen Corroram Hughon, Rhonda Sherwood, Victoria Hold, Sandy Filmer, Frank Kemp

Call to Order: Ms Armour called the meeting to order at 8:00PM

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes for the April 23, 2012 Rules Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

Discussion:

1. Draft changes to the Town Charter relating to the Duties of the Town Administrator and language renaming the Department of Human Services were distributed.
2. Mrs. Armour reported that over the summer she had a conference call with the Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel about managing town flooding. Ms Seelye noted that most towns don't have a Flood and Erosion Control Board. There is a thought that some entity should have responsibility for watching what is going on. A copy of the May 2010 memo from the Flood Mitigation Strategy Committee was distributed and discussed. The conclusion was that designating a Board or Commission to manage flood mitigation falls within the purview of the Board of Selectmen not the RTM or the Rules Committee.
3. There was a discussion of candidate vacancies among the six voting districts.

Agenda for September 24 voted:

After discussion the Agenda for the September 24 Meeting of the RTM was established:

1. Planning and Zoning Ordinance change for Fees
2. Charter Revision –Dept of Social Services name Change to Dept of Human Services
3. Charter Revision- Change of title and duties for Town Administrative Officer
4. Vote on Bag Ordinance

The question of Flooding will be handled under Announcements.

Mr. Maroney moved the Agenda and Mr. Swenson seconded. Motion passed 11 Yes with Mr. Kelly voting no.

A discussion ensued about who would be the sponsor of the Bag Ordinance at the RTM Meeting. There would be no materials in the packet relating to the issue.

With regard to how meetings are conducted, an improved letter will be distributed to the RTM Membership on conduct of RTM Meetings. Mr. Maroney moved and it was seconded that Mrs. Armour be authorized to distribute the new letter to RTM Members.

Mr. Morton moved to adjourn and it was seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve W. Morton". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Clerk