

Town of Darien
Representative Town Meeting
Rules Committee
Regular Meeting - Monday, January 3, 2011
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Attendance:

Present: Karen Armour, CH, Marc Thorne, Gary Swenson, Seth Morton, Mary Guimond, MariLu Cleary, Joanne Hennessy, Debra Ritchie, Peter Kelly, John Bishko, Martin Magida, Dennis Maroney, Anita Rycenga

Audience: Sarah Seelye, Bruce Orr, Jan Raymond, Jenny Schwartz

Call to Order: Ms Armour called the meeting to order at 8:10PM

Approval of Minutes- The Minutes of the Meeting of December 13, 2010 were approved, with Mr. Maroney and Ms Rycenga abstaining.

Assignment – Education Administrators Contract: Mr. Maroney moved that Education be Primary and Finance and Budget be Secondary. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Tax Abatement Allen-O'Neill: Ms Armour proposed that this Item would be on the RTM January 24 Agenda. Ms Hennessy said that the item would be ready from PZ&H Committee.

Pension Language: Ms Seelye Chair of TGS&A reported that this item would not be ready for the January RTM Meeting, but would be ready for the March Meeting.

Agenda for January 24 RTM Meeting: Ms Cleary moved the following order of business for the January 24 RTM Meeting:

1. Board of Education Contract with Administrators
2. Weed Beach Funds Bonding
3. Allen O'Neill Tax Abatement

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously

Flood and Erosion Control Board: Ms Hennessy reported on her research and discussions with Town officials about the Flood and Erosion Control Board. She noted a lack of focus on the topic and ambivalence about pushing it forward. Ms Hennessy noted:

1. That the Board would be advisory
2. That it would have no Budget
3. It would add another layer of Bureaucracy
4. It would seem that the existing Environmental Protection Commission could manage Flood and Erosion Control

Mr. Morton noted that as things stand, action on this topic is in the hands of the RTM, because it was referred to the RTM by the Board of Selectmen. Given a lack of definition from the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Morton offered a Motion that the Moderator speak to the First Selectman, noting that, while the Rules Committee supports the idea of addressing Flooding, it is unclear what creating a separate Flood and Erosion Control Board would do to remedy the situation. The Rules Committee respectfully requests that the Board of Selectmen provide further direction on how to proceed. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Talk about Wild Turkeys in Darien ensued.

Ms Seelye reported on activities before the TGS&A Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Seth W. Morton - Clerk