

Town of Darien
Representative Town Meeting
Rules Committee
Regular Meeting-Monday, October 24, 2011
Final

Attendance: Karen Armour (Ch), Gary Swenson, Seth Morton, Mary Guimond, Joanne Hennessey, Debra Ritchie, Marc Thorne, Dennis Maroney, Anita Rycenga, Marty Magida, MariLu Cleary

Absent: John Bishko, Peter Kelly

Audience: Sarah Seelye, Joe Pankowski, Norm Guimond, Deepika Sakseena, Nina Miller

Call to Order: Ms Armour called the meeting to order at 8:04PM

Approval of Minutes: Ms Cleary acted as Clerk for the September 12, 2011 meeting. She received comments for those revised minutes, which included reference to the Board of Selectmen's presentation to the RTM at the next meeting and remarks by Mrs. Sullivan against putting the Shuffle on the Agenda.

There was suggestion to include audience comments in the minutes

The vote to approve the minutes was:

YES: Morton, Cleary, Swenson, Guimond, Hennessey, Thorne, Cleary, Magida

ABSTAIN: Maroney, Ritchie, Armour, Rycenga

Report from Mrs. Armour:

Special Meetings

On November 1 there will be a Special Meeting of the RTM to approve revised wording regarding the timing of setting the interest rate on Tax Deferments.

There will be a second Special Meeting of the RTM on November 1, 2011 called by the Moderator, in anticipation of a request from the Board of Selectmen. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on the move of the Senior Center to the Town Hall Annex and the move of the Board of Education to the former Library site at 35 Leroy Avenue.

Charter Changes

TGS&A Committee is working on Charter changes slated for the March 2012 meeting of the RTM. Ms Seelye noted that TGS&A had been working on the wrong draft of Charter changes. She received the correct document a week ago. Ms Armour noted that there is a need for a Public Hearing 60 days before the March meeting for any proposed changes.

Appendix B- RTM Rules of Procedure

It was noted that there is a need to delete from the Charter, non-Charter level items and add them to Appendix B. In addition in comparing Chapter 13 and Appendix B delete redundancies from the Charter and add process entrees related to the RTM to Appendix B. It was suggested that there is a need to use "Track Changes" to be able to follow all changes made.

"Chose to Reuse"

Chose to Reuse will be on the RTM Agenda for January. It will be Presentation only, no video. Time allotments for discussion will be discussed at a future Rules meeting as well as allowance for balanced representation of views.

Flood and Erosion Control Board

Ms Seelye noted that a major issue about creating this Board is how the Flood and Erosion Control Board would work with The Environmental Protection Commission. It was affirmed that Public Works is assigned Primary on this item with PZ&H secondary.

Ms Armour said she would meet with First Selectman Campbell tomorrow to set the Agenda and the Warning for the November 1 Meetings.

Mr. Magida moved and it was seconded to Adjourn.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Clerk