

**Town of Darien
Representative Town Meeting
Rules Committee
Regular Meeting - Monday, April 19, 2010**

Attendance:

Present: Karen Armour, Liz Bacon, Marc Thorne, Gary Swenson, John Price, Seth Morton, Dennis Maroney, Mary Guimond, Flora Smith, Mary Cleary, Anita Rycenga, Joanne Hennessy

Absent: Mark Adiletta

Audience: Sarah Seelye, Frank Kemp, Murry Stegelman

Call to Order: Ms. Armour called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM

Approval of Minutes- The Minutes of the Meeting of February 22, 2010 were approved without objection.

Report from the Floor- Fees and Fines - Frank Kemp from the TGS&A Committee discussed removing fees and fines from the Code of Ordinances and noted that TGS&A had received a draft charge from Town Counsel.

Ms Armour noted that a schedule of Fees would have to be approved each year as part of the RTM Budget approval. She raised a question as to whether fees and fines were removed from the Public Works Ordinances last year. She agreed to check to see if Fees and Fines had been taken out of both the Health and Social Services and the Public Works ordinances. She will check with Murry Stegelman, Karl Kilduff and Town Counsel.

Ms Smith noted the need to consolidate all of the Fines and Fees in one part of the Budget Resolution.

Ms Seelye noted the need for a list of next steps for revising the Ordinances and a need for a cost-benefit analysis of changes to Fee and Fine schedules in the Ordinances

Ms Smith noted the need to look at purchasing procedures and to identify events which trigger a full emergency response by the Town. Ms Armour noted she would follow up on the items.

Board of Education Special Item for the RTM Agenda - Ms Armour reported that a special item to cover the budget overrun by the Board of Education in 2009-2010 of \$200,000 - \$300,000 would be added to the Agenda of the Annual Budget Meeting on May 10.

Budget Agenda Item to Refund Bonds - Ms Armor noted that the Budget Agenda Resolution allowing the Board of Finance to refinance bonds will be \$50,000,000.

Budget Agenda Item for Paving Town Streets - Murry Stegelman reported a need for an additional item on the Budget agenda to approve \$908,000 for paving which was planned for 2009-2010 but was not done pending receipt of Federal Stimulus Funds. Now the funds are available, but the RTM must approve the payment for the paving in order to receive the funds for the Federal Government.

May 10 RTM Agenda - Mr. Maroney moved the following order for the May 10, 2010 Agenda. The motion was seconded.

- Ordinances Fines and Fees
- Board of Education Appropriation
- Street Paving
- Bond Refinancing
- 2011 Town Budget

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Seth W. Morton - Clerk