

Rules Committee Meeting
October 5th, 2009
Regular Meeting, Room 213

Attendance: R. Young, K. Armour, J. Price, S. Maguire, G. Swenson, M. Adiletta, J. Grogan (F. Smith, in building, attending Selectmen's meeting)

Absent: E. Coyle, E. Bacon, H. Artinian, J. Davis

Called to order: 8:24pm

1. Approval of Minutes of September 24th:

Mr. Price asks to amend the minutes, pg 3 of 4 first paragraph starting with "JP further stated..." and ending with "...contrary vote to the BOS"; remove statement attributed to him, entire first paragraph. Amend to read as follows: "JP said there would be 3 alternatives if another legal opinion was obtained. Either it would agree with the BOS action, disagree with it or have a fuzzy position of neither one nor the other. He asked what would we do with an opinion if it disagreed with the BOS action. Surely we would not want to take legal action."

JG asks to amend page 2 of 4 last paragraph phrase "...estimate for legal costs were extremely low..." should read "....estimate for legal costs was extremely low...."

Minutes of 9/24 approved as amended: unanimous with one abstention, SM.

Attachments to follow regarding sewer issue by Mr. Noe

2. Review status of TGS&A committee ordinance work: Mr. Whitehead not in attendance.

As per KA: TGS&A is making progress, coming from Board of Selectmen: Tax exemption for handicapped vehicles.

What is the work plan for TGS&A, is there a way to assist them with the workload?

The meeting of Rules committee in 2 weeks (October 19) will focus on TGS&A work plan and possible ways to assist them. Consider contacting Town Administrator to evaluate a way to help them with their workload.

3. Review/Assign committees for agenda items.

FEMA grant for purchase of properties on Cherry Street: appraisal not yet completed:

Primary F&B, secondary PH&S already assigned

Lease agreement for cell tower at town dump: Primary F&B, secondary PW

Tax exemption for handicapped vehicles: Primary F&B, secondary PH&S

Motion to assign new committees

Vote unanimous

4. Status of Leash law: TGS&A have tabled discussion at present, pending info from Parks & Rec Commission.

5. No Special Meeting of RTM needed in October. Rules committee will be meeting in two weeks to review ordinance issues.

6. Review Orientation material for new members: Will also be discussed in 2 weeks.

Review protocol for district caucuses; add information from Charter, Appendix B-RTM Rules of Procedure, Part VII.

Review information to Standing Committee Chairs regarding preparation of annual report with attendance record to assist the Rules committee in making committee assignments

November Agenda

1. Review orientation packet
2. Swear in reelected and new members after election

Motion to adjourn: GS, second MA

Meeting adjourned: 8:58

Respectfully submitted,

Susannah Maguire

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