

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT

RULES COMMITTEE

Minutes

Regular Meeting, October 7, 2019

7:30 p.m., Room 113

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Present: Seth Morton (Moderator), Mark Adiletta (V), Harry McLachlin (V), Gary Swenson (VI), Barbara Thorne (II), Joe Miceli (IV), Adele Conniff (III), Frank Kemp (IV), Mike Wheeler (II), Patti Bumgardner (I), Lois Schneider (I), Jack Davis (III),

Absent: Theresa Vogt (VI), arrived late

Guest(s): Pam Gery (Parks & Rec Director), Lorene Bora (Chair Parks & Rec Commission)

Meeting was called to order 7:31 PM by the Moderator.

A motion was made with a second to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Motion passed Motion passed 10 in favor with one abstention.

The Moderator welcomed Joanne Hennessy's replacement, Harry McLachlin.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis to assign PH&S primary, F&B secondary on the item related to the Acceptance of \$451,000 State Grant and Appropriate \$451,000 for a records management system for the Police Department. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schneider.

Mr. Kemp handed out material related to and presented the proposed adjustment for fines for false alarms (police and fire). Clerk is to attach to the minutes the entirety of the handout

from Mr. Kemp. Pages 1,2 and 11 are to be distributed with the Warning with an electronic version of the full package made available to the full RTM by email or perhaps via a link to the Town web site.

The Moderator noted Jeremy Ginsberg (Planning and Zoning Director) will provide to the RTM and update on various development projects in Town.

A motion was made by Ms. Bumgardner , second by Ms. Thorne to set P&R primary, F&B secondary on the item related to Acceptance of gift of up to \$1,500,000 from DAF and Darien Foundation for creation of Weed Beach Meadows and Walking Trail at Weed Beach. The motion passed unanimously.

A broad discussion took place surrounding the Pear Tree Point Building Committee efforts.

A discussion on setting the agenda for the October RTM meeting followed. A motion was submitted by Mr. Adiletta, seconded by Mr. Swenson to set the agenda as follows:

- Update on Town Projects
 - Development projects - Jeremy Ginsberg (Planning and Zoning Director)
 - Pear Tree Point Beach Plan update – Lori Bora
- Acceptance of gift of up to \$1,500,000 from Darien Athletic Foundation and Darien Foundation for creation of Weed Beach Meadows and Walking Trail at Weed Beach
- Increasing of fines for false alarms
- Acceptance of \$451,000 State Grant and Appropriate \$451,000 for a records management system for the Police Department
- Authorization for increase of \$75,000 to the June 12, 2017 resolution authorizing \$250,000 for the purchase and installation of a generator at Town Hall

This motion passed unanimously.

The Moderator introduced a request from the First Selectman to explore a Community Values Statement. A sample was provided. A discussion followed. Bottom up versus top down approaches were compared. The committee consensus was to wait until positions are developed perhaps by various Boards and put in a form to be considered. The Town is going

through a transformation in part related to the three developments under way. The values may be enduring while certain topics are evolving.

With no other business presented, there was a motion to adjourn 8:16 PM.

Mark Adiletta, Clerk

cc: Standing Committee Chairs
District Chairs
First Selectman
Rules Committee