

**REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING**

**TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT**

**RULES COMMITTEE**

Minutes

Regular Meeting, September 9, 2019

7:30 p.m., Room 113

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

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

**Absent:** Patti Bumgardner (I),

**Guest(s):** Mac Patrick, District V, Public Health & Safety Committee Chair)

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

Mr. Swenson provided some grammatical edits. A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, second by Ms. Schneider to approve the minutes of the May 20 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The Moderator announced District V member, and Vice Chair of Rules, Joanne Hennessy had moved from Town. Mr. Swenson nominated Lois Schneider to replace Ms. Hennessy as Vice Chair. As no other nominations were put forth, Ms. Schneider was elected Vice Chair of Rules by acclamation.

Mr. Patrick (District V and Chair of P.H. & S.) inquired about District V electing, and sending a new representative to the Rules Committee for the duration of the current session.

Moderator introduced the pending item rescinding of authorization of bond resolution for DHS Storage Facility Project and the background as to why the facility is no longer desired. Mr.

Swenson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schneider, proposing Education as primary, F&B as secondary. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Committee discussed increasing of fines for false fire alarms. There was a discussion on why BOS or Town Administrator wanted such tight turn-around. Counsel needs time to draft, and Mr. Kemp expressed concern of timing to properly review, consider the ordinance and present a proper motion. Motion was made by Mr. Adiletta, seconded by Ms. Schneider assigning PH&S primary, F&B and TGS&A secondary. This motion passed unanimously.

The Committee discussed acceptance of private funds for the 2020 Bicentennial Celebration. Mr. Davis reviewed the \$75,000 donation, as well as the appropriation process. Mr. Davis made a motion to assign P&R primary, F&B. secondary. Ms. Thorne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee discussed adding to the agenda of future RTM meeting updates to passed items. Mr. Wheeler suggested an update on the Ox Ridge School grant application, the PTPBC status, Highlands Farms, and DAF donation to Weed Beach.

The Committee discussed a Defined Contribution Plan for a specific group of employees. Mr. Davis explained there is no additional cost to the Town to offer this plan. Ms. Vogt made a motion to assign F&B primary, Mr. Wheeler seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

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

- An update by Jeremy Ginsberg (Director of P&Z) on the Federal, Palmer and Corbin projects.
- A presentation by Jeremy Ginsberg of his previously presented Sustainability Presentation.
- Rescinding of authorization of bond resolution for DHS Storage Facility Project
- Acceptance of private funds for 2020 Bicentennial Celebration
- A Defined Contribution Plan for a specific group of employees

This motion passed unanimously.

With no other business presented, there was a motion to adjourn 8:07 PM.

Mark Adiletta, Clerk

cc: Standing Committee Chairs  
District Chairs  
First Selectman  
Rules Committee