

MINUTES
OPC MEETING
March 15, 2012

First Selectman Jayme Stevenson called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m. in Room 206 at Town Hall.

Present were First Selectman, Jayme Stevenson; Selectman, John Lundeen; Board of Education Chairman, Betsy Hagerty-Ross; RTM Moderator, Karen Armour and Town Administrator, Karl Kilduff.

RTM Moderator

The RTM meets on Monday, March 19, 2012. Ms. Armour commented that some of the items for consideration when the RTM meets are: the newly negotiated Public Works contract, the newly negotiated Police Union contract, Proposed Redistricting, amendments to Darien's Charter (Chapter XIII, regarding the Representative Town Meeting), amendments to Darien's Charter (Chapter IV, regarding Town Counsel) and the nomination of Dirk Leasure for submission to the Governor for re-appointment to the Five Mile River Commission.

The group discussed the Five Mile River Commission and how the focus of the Commission needs to address what's happening in towns north of Darien. Ms. Stevenson mentioned that she has spoken with Rob Malozzi, First Selectman of New Canaan, about having a representative from New Canaan join the Commission.

At the RTM March meeting there will be a presentation to explain the proposed redistricting of the Town's six Voting/RTM Districts, including the process for 2012 elections of RTM members.

Ms. Armour noted that at this time the RTM's May agenda is devoted to the budget. Karl Kilduff mentioned that there may be a gift to the Town added to the RTM's May agenda. It's likely the consideration of a bag ordinance will be on the September RTM agenda.

Board of Education

Ms. Hagerty-Ross stated that the Board of Education is working, on a continual basis, to address budget issues. The Board is hoping the revenues from its summer education programs will be positive. It's uncertain how the new Chelsea Piers development will affect enrollment in the BOE summer programs. The group discussed Title IX issues related to the swim team and opportunities to use pools in Town.

Ms. Stevenson mentioned that she is interested in having a conversation with Ms. Hagerty-Ross about the prospect for more shared services between the Town and the BOE.

First Selectman

Ms. Stevenson conveyed that she is very interested in how the Town may improve services by using technology. To that end, she is looking into computerized models of drainage systems in Town and how technology can assist with some parking issues. The group discussed parking concerns for commuters and the business district.

Ms. Stevenson also said that she plans to meet with a representative of Yankee Gas to gain information on the company's long term plans for gas lines throughout Darien.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 206.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda O'Leary
Recording Secretary