

**REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
ANNUAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

The Regular Annual Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Donna Rajczewski, Town Clerk, who took roll call and swore in the newly elected members.

Upon Roll Call, the following members were present:

From District I, there were 13 members present, 4 absent.
From District II, there were 10 members present, 2 absent.
From District III, there were 15 members present, 3 absent.
From District IV, there were 15 members present, 0 absent.
From District V, there were 13 members present, 3 absent.
From District VI, there were 15 members present, 1 absent.

The absentees from District I were: Harrington, Kelly, Sommer, Valentino.
The absentees from District II were: Maguire, Marston.
The absentees from District III were: Duffy, D'Urso, Pullen.
The absentees from District V were: Conniff, Russell, van der Kieft.
The absentee from District VI was : McNamara.

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

Mrs. Rajczewski said she had received two nominations in the mail – Seth Morton and Karen Armour. She asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.

**** A MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS WAS MADE FROM THE FLOOR.
** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mrs. Rajczewski then asked both nominees to address the body.

Seth Morton, District III, said it was great to be back home. It is an honor to be nominated, and he accepts the nomination. He promises fairness and impartiality and encourages civility. This is a fine body with fine rules. The moderator acts like an umpire. It is important to encourage debate so that members can make informed decisions. He has served on the Board of Selectmen and the Operations Planning Committee. He has been a member of the RTM for 22 years, 17 of which he chaired the Finance & Budget Committee and 7 years where he was Vice-Chair of the Rules Committee. This is a period of time with very complex decisions. He looks forward to leading the RTM in making the best decisions.

Karen Amour, District VI, said she would like to continue as moderator. She has been a member of this body for 25 years and has served on many committees. She has been moderator for 8 years and served on many non-RTM committees as well. The RTM is distinct from the legislative branch. When they agree, they are called a rubber stamp; when they disagree, they are uncooperative. She asked for support.

Mrs. Rajczewski distributed ballots. Upon completion of voting, it was announced that Mrs. Armour had won the election and she assumed the Chair.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

It was noted that Item 7 should read: "Election of two members to the Board of Ethics".

**** THE AGENDA, AS CORRECTED, WAS ACCEPTED BY UNIVERSAL CONSENT.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2009

The following correction was made: On page 11, last paragraph, the 11th sentence should be deleted.

**** SAM SCHOONMAKER, DISTRICT IV, MOVED THAT THE 11TH SENTENCE OF THE LAST PARAGRAPH ON PAGE 11 BE DELETED.**

**** THE MOTION WAS SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR.**

**** MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE WITH FEWER THAN 10 ABSENTIONS.**

**** THE MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED BY UNIVERSAL CONSENT WITH FEWER THAN 10 ABSTENTIONS BY VOICE VOTE.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ORIENTATION

The Moderator reviewed the orientation packet, which included the roles of RTM members, Standing Committees and Freedom of Information requirements.

ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

Mrs. Rajczewski said she had received two nominations: Carolyn Schoonmaker and James Cameron. Both are incumbents.

**** CAROLYN SCHOONMAKER AND JAMES CAMERON WERE ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS BY ACCLAMATION.**

DISTRICT ELECTIONS: CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, 2 RULES COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The districts met and elected the following:

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CHAIR</u>	<u>VICE-CHAIR</u>	<u>RULES COMMITTEE</u>
I	John Price	Lois Schneider	Flora Smith John Price
II	Paige Ridley	Sarah Seelye	Marc Thorne Elisabeth Bacon
III	Carolyn Bayne	Thomas Moore	Dennis Maroney Seth Morton
IV	Carolyn Miller	Brian Rayhill	Maria Cleary Anita Rycenga
V	James Patrick	Christopher Camuti	Joanne Hennessy Mark Adiletta
VI	Diane Conologue	Mary Guimond	Mary Guimond Gary Swenson

**** UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED FROM THE FLOOR, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN AT 9 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

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