

**REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF DARIEN, CONNECTICUT  
FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of a Organizational Meeting Held on November 28, 2011  
“DRAFT”**

On November 28, 2011, an organizational meeting of the RTM Finance & Budget Committee was held in Room 213 of the Darien Town Hall with ten of fourteen members present.

**Present were:**

Bruce Orr  
Nora McIlree  
Charles Brode,  
Reilly Tierney  
Tim Schwarz  
Deb Ritchie  
Bill Smith  
Marc Thorne  
John Sini  
Terry Duffy

**Absent were:** Jack Davis, Kirk Hoffman, Anita Rycenga, Jim Palen

The ranking RTM member, Marc Throne, called the meeting to order at 8:22 p.m. and immediately called for nominations for the 2011/12 Chair. Throne nominated Orr for Chair and McIlree seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Orr assumed the Chair. There were some discussions regarding the Rules Committee selection process and possible “term limits” on Committee assignments. Orr commented that he and Schwarz had submitted the F&B annual report weeks ago and was surprised to learn that the F&B report (which had recommended that the ‘11/’12 F&B Committee not be reorganized too much due to the steep learning curve and complexity) had NOT been distributed to the members of the Rules Comm.

Orr sought nominations for Vice Chair for the BOE. In Jack Davis’ absence, Orr read an email from Davis where he expressed interest in continuing in that Role. Davis nomination was seconded by Duffy. Davis was elected in a vote of 9 for, 0 against and 1 abstention (Sini).

The Chair then sought nominations for Vice Chair for the BOS. McIlree nominated Bill Smith; Duffy seconded. Smith was elected unanimously.

The Chair then sought nominations for the Clerk. Schwarz nominated Terry Duffy and Richie seconded. Duffy was elected unanimously. It was noted that in the event of the Clerk’s absence, Sini, Schwarz and Rycenga would be happy to step into that role.

The discussion then turned to Regular meeting scheduling. Orr noted that we would typically meet one week (Monday) before any regular RTM meetings, with the exception of the May budget meeting, where we schedule two Regular meetings. It was noted that the primary agenda item for the Jan. 23, 2012 RTM meeting would likely be the approval of the recently ratified Teacher’s contract. In that regard, it was discussed that we may wish to schedule a meeting with BOE and the contract negotiating committee well in advance of Jan. 23. Orr will check with the Chair of the BOE and schedule a meeting in Jan. either on 17th (Tuesday) or possibly the week of Jan. 9th. Other Regular meetings will be scheduled by the Chair and meeting rooms secured and the Committee notified.

Email addresses were confirmed and an updated list is attached. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 PM

Dated: November 29, 2011  
Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Orr, Temporary Clerk  
RTM Finance & Budget Committee