

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

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting Held on September 20, 2010  
“DRAFT”**

On September 20, 2010, a meeting of the RTM Finance & Budget Committee was held in Room 213 of the Darien Town Hall with thirteen of sixteen members present.

**Present were:**

Preston Bealle  
Jack Davis  
Terry Duffy  
Michael Harman  
Ted Hawkins  
Kirk Hoffman  
Nora McIlree  
Bruce Orr  
Anita Rycenga  
Tim Schwarz  
William Smith  
Marc Thorne  
Reilly Tierney

**Absent were:** Charles Brode, John Price, John Wolcott

The Chairman, Bruce Orr, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

\* Bill Smith moved and Michael Harman seconded to approve the minutes of the 5/3/10 meeting.

\*Discussion about the RTM resolution **10-15** regarding the amended language to the Darien Code of Ordinances concerning purchasing provisions included many questions as to why sealed bids were being stricken from the existing language. It appeared that the primary reason was so that Darien could participate in multi state purchasing cooperatives. Some committee members felt it would have been helpful to hear more about the rationale for doing this from whomever initiated it. Bill Smith moved to accept, seconded by Nora McIlree and the resulting votes were:

***In favor:***

Preston Bealle, Jack Davis, Terry Duffy, Michael Harman, Kirk Hoffman, Nora McIlree, Bruce Orr, Bill Smith, Marc Thorne, Reilly Tierney.

***Against:***

Ted Hawkins

***Abstained:***

Anita Rycenga and Tim Schwarz

\* Reilly Tierney moved to accept RTM Resolution **10-16** amending Town Charter sec. 46 regarding purchasing, contracting and expenditures allowing a lowest bid to be rejected for a wider scope of reasons than previously outlined. Nora McIlree seconded and it was unanimously approved.

\* Resolution **10-17** amending the Town Charter with respect to how and when legal notice shall be provided concerning budget estimates, appropriations and tax rate was discussed. The committee was fine with the fact that the legal notice needed to comply with State law but the matter of format came up once again. Committee members pointed out that we have repeatedly asked that the reporting format be modified to include totals and be presented in such a way that a lay person could easily comprehend. Marc Thorne moved to accept the resolution and requested that Chairman Bruce Orr comment on the quality of the data published. Anita Rycenga seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

Bruce Orr mentioned that there may be a need for a special RTM meeting on October 25, 2010 to address the matter of facilities shuffle and the abandonment of Allen O'Neill Drive.

Anita Rycenga moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Dated: September 22, 2010  
Respectfully submitted,  
Anita M. Rycenga, Clerk  
RTM Finance & Budget Committee

