

Minutes for TGS&A Regular Meeting
September 21, 2015 7:30 p.m.
Room 133 Mather Center
9 of 14 members present

Present were:

Patrick M. Keane, Clara C. Sartori, Christopher L. Camuti, Frank B. Kemp, Joseph D. Miceli, Harry D. McLachlin, M. Caroline Luz, S. Lloyd Plehaty, Marlene (Marli) Hayes.

Absent were:

Bert H. von Stuelpnagel, Celia Mundt, Eugene F. Coyle, Kenneth A. Fiveson, Jr.

The first item on the agenda was a quick review of the proposed public hearing to review a proposed change to the Town Charter that will reinstate a paragraph dealing with the mechanics of calling a special meeting of the RTM. The paragraph was inadvertently moved to Appendix B and is simply being put back where it is intended to be. The public hearing on October 6th will start the process of fixing this inadvertent error.

Second item: The Board of Selectmen has requested that the RTM draft a blight ordinance and the initial review has come to TGS&A. There was some discussion of a similar undertaking in 2007 that was eventually voted down by the RTM. This committee reviewed the agenda and draft documents from the 2007 meeting and discussed our initial thoughts. It was decided to divide up research responsibilities and reconvene in two weeks to discuss our preliminary findings among the committee members. Division of duties are as follows:

- determine the source of the 2007 text - Joe Miceli
- secure text of ordinances from surrounding/comparable CT towns - Caroline Luz
- the context of the CT statutes (CGS-7-148) and the 2013 Task Force - Harry McLachlin
- the history of blight incidents in town, and the current situation with blight-properties - Patrick Keane
- the role of the press in covering blight in Darien and surrounding towns - Clara Sartori
- the role of Human Services in preventing and resolving blight issues - Christopher Camuti
- the role in resolving blight issues by town services (Fire Marshal, Buildings, Health, etc.) - Marli Hayes

It is anticipated that a Special Meeting of the committee will be called for Monday, October 5, 2015 so that summaries of research on these topics may be reviewed by the committee. The previously scheduled Regular Meeting of the Committee for Monday October 12 will be canceled. It is anticipated that another Special Meeting will be called on or about Monday October 19, to continue reporting on the issue.

In New Business, Joe Miceli proposed that the Planning and Zoning functions specified in the Charter be split, so as to better address the major property developments now being discussed. He will prepare a draft change to the Town Charter to implement this change, and the matter will be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

Respectfully submitted by Caroline Luz, Clerk, TGS&A