

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING
September 12, 2011
Amended Minutes

Present: Mary Guimond – acting chair
Joanne Hennessy
Marc Thorne
John Bishko
Garry Swenson
Marty Magida
MariLu Cleary – acting secretary

Absent: Karen Armour
Anita Rycenga
Dennis Maroney
Debra Ritchie

Late: Peter Kelly – arrived 8:27pm
Seth Morton – arrived 8:25pm

Meeting started at 8:08pm

Committee unanimously approved minutes of last meeting.

Committee discussed animal control ordinance. According to TGS&A, the ordinance is almost ready for an RTM vote. TGS&A had not voted on language of the ordinance and both Parks & Rec and PHS committees needed to vote as well. All are expected to do so within the next week Note: though all language pertaining to Parks & Rec have been removed from the ordinance, they remain a secondary.

Committee discussed Boat Club lease amendment which had been referred by the BOS. RTM committee assignments were made as follows: F&B primary: Parks & Rec secondary. Committee unanimously approved assignments.

Committee discussed request by BOS to make presentation on the facilities plan to the RTM at the September 26th RTM meeting. From the audience, Mrs. Sullivan argued against having the presentation on the RTM agenda as the BOS had not seen a final presentation of the facilities plan. Committee agreed to make time on the agenda but also requested that Karen Armour report back to the Rules Committee on the process of how this agenda item came about. Not all members of the BOS were aware the presentation request had been made, especially as a final presentation on the facilities shuffle had not yet been given to BOS.

Agenda items 4 (Charter Change) and 5 (Updated Appendix B – RTM Rules of Procedure) were tabled as they were not yet ready for the September 26th meeting.

Committee discussed possible informational presentation to the RTM by the Choose to Reuse Group. An ordinance is to be forwarded to the RTM and the BOS has referred this issue to the RTM. Committee felt the ordinance needed to be fleshed out and September 26th was too soon for a presentation. RTM committee assignments were made as follows: PH&S primary; TGS&A and Public Works secondary. Committee unanimously approved assignments.

Committee changed the assignments on the issue of the Flood & Erosion Control Board. Public Works was made primary; TGS&A and PZ&H secondary. Committee unanimously approved the change.

Committee discussed the revision of ordinance wording re: the timing of setting the tax deferral interest rate. TGS&A reported that no work had been done on this yet though the assignment had been made in February of this year. TGS&A will review and report back on its timing. Committee assigned F&B as secondary and it was unanimously approved.

Committee unanimously approved the agenda for the September 26th RTM meeting as follows:

Board of Selectmen presentation on facilities plan
Boat Club lease amendment vote
Animal Control ordinance vote

Committee discussed agenda item to set up a Special Meeting on October 24th for RTM vote on facilities plan. Committee decided it was too early to set any date for a vote as no RTM committees had received any information for their own deliberations to date, and neither the BOS nor the BOF had seen a final presentation or voted on any plan. Several committee members again requested that Karen Armour explain at our next meeting how the item was put on the Rules Committee agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted by:
MariLu Cleary
RTM District 4