

Town of Darien  
Representative Town Meeting  
Rules Committee  
Regular Meeting-Monday, November 21, 2011  
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**Attendance:** Karen Armour (Ch), Gary Swenson, Seth Morton, Joanne Hennessy, Debra Ritchie, Sarah Seelye, Anthony Imbimbo, Dennis Maroney, Marty Magida, MariLu Cleary, Nora McLree, Edgar Hawkins

**Absent:** Peter Kelly

**Audience:** Deepika Sakseena

**Call to Order:** Ms Armour called the meeting to order at 8:10PM

**Report from Mrs. Armour:**

**Ms Armour noted here will be a Referendum on the Facilities Reallocation “The Shuffle” on December 13, 2011**

**Assignment of RTM Members to Committees:**

**Notes:**

District 1- 4 Vacancies – Mr. Valentino moved to Park and Recreation

District 2 - 5 Vacancies Assigned Education, Finance and Budget, PZ&H, Public Health and Services, Public Works

District 3 – No Vacancies

District 4 – 1 Vacancy - Assigned to Public Works

District 5 – 1 Vacancy – Assigned T.G.S.& A

District 6 – 1 Vacancy

**Discussion on the Process:**

Question of setting term limits.

Question of how to deal with attendance at meetings

Question of how to improve the assignment process.

Mr. Morton moved and it was seconded to approve the assignments. (List Attached). Motion passed unanimously

**Approval of Minutes:** Ms Armour called for the approval of the October 24, 2011 minutes.

September 12, 2011 meeting: Comments were received on the notes for approving the Minutes of the September 12, 2011 meeting. There was a comment to add audience comments to the minutes where appropriate. Mr. Magida voted yes to approve the September 12 minutes.

Under "Chose to Reuse" it was noted to add that time would be allotted for discussion and presentation of all sides of the issue.

Under Motion to Adjourn note that the motion was seconded.

The minutes were unanimously approved as modified.

### **Flood and Erosion Control Board**

The item will be ready for the March RTM Meeting. Work still required on conformity with the State Statutes.

**Rules Meeting Agenda-** The next meeting of the Rules Committee will be on January 3, 2012. The schedule of Rules Meetings will be published after they have been checked against the School Calendar.

### **Vote - Rules Committee Officers:**

Mr. Morton was nominated and unanimously voted Clerk

Ms Seelye was nominated and unanimously voted Vice Chair

### **Chapter 13 - Appendix B- RTM Rules of Procedure**

TGS&A will hold a Public Hearing on this matter in January 2012, 60 days before the March 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the RTM.

### **Discussion of Debate on the floor of the RTM:**

Mr. Maroney brought up the need for time in RTM debate to be sure that as many points of view as possible are presented. He voiced concern over motions to "Call the Question" at the last RTM meeting which resulted from lengthy presentations by early speakers.

### **Agenda- State of the Town:**

Ms Armour reviewed the usual agenda for the State of The Town RTM Meeting. It was moved and seconded that the Moderator put together and distribute the State of the Town Agenda. It was noted that the First Selectman would present last.

**Ms. Cleary moved and it was seconded to Adjourn.**

**The Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,



Clerk