

Town of Darien
Representative Town Meeting
Rules Committee
Regular Meeting - Monday, September 13, 2010

Attendance:

Present: Liz Bacon, Marc Thorne, Gary Swenson, John Price, Seth Morton, Dennis Maroney, Mary Guimond, Marilu Cleary, Anita Rycenga, Joanne Hennessy

Absent: Mark Adiletta, Karen Armour

Audience: Joe Warren, Sarah Seelye, Frank Kemp, Donna Rajczewski, Jan Raymond, Jenny Schwartz

Call to Order: Ms. Rajczewski called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM in the absence of Ms Armour and the Former Vice Chair, Ms Smith

Election of Chair: Ms. Rajczewski asked for a nomination of a Chair for the current meeting. Ms Hennessy moved and Gary Swenson seconded that Ms Guimond be chair, The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes- The Minutes of the Meeting of April 19, 2010 were approved without objection, after making some typographical corrections.

Charter Changes re: Budget Publication and Purchasing Procedures: Ms. Seelye from the TGS&A Committee gave an updated report on changes to the Charter on Budget publication and purchasing procedures.

Mr. Kemp from TGS&A reported that they had had a Public Hearing on the changes and asked that the item be placed on the September 27 RTM Agenda

Assignment - Creation of Flood and Erosion Control Board: Mr. Swenson suggested that TGS&A be Primary Committee on this item with Public Works secondary. The date when this item would be ready for the RTM Agenda was left open. Mr. Swenson moved the assignments and Mr. Maroney seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Assignment - Appointment of Five Mile River Commissioner: This item is a reappointment of William Jessup. Mr. Thorne moved and Ms. Rycenga seconded that the item be assigned to TGS&A. The motion passed unanimously.

Assignment - Animal Control Ordinance: It was noted that Public Health and Safety and TGS&A had been considered the main committees for this item. Mr. Maroney moved and Mr. Swenson seconded that the assigned committees be Public Health and Safety, Primary, TGS&A and Park and Recreation, Secondary. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Swenson noted the efforts of the Park and Recreation Committee to get all sides of the issue to work together. He noted that in the past funds for a Dog Park had been removed from the budget.

Assignment - Funding for Proposed Projects to move the Board of Education and the Senior Center – Ms. Hennessy moved and Ms. Rycenga seconded that Finance and Budget Committee be Primary and that Public Health and Safety, Park and Recreation, Education, and Planning, Zoning and Housing all be secondary. The Motion passed unanimously.

Assignment – Town Abandonment of Allen-O’Neill Drive – Ms. Schwartz, Chairman of the Darien Housing Authority, noted that the Allen-O’Neill Moderate Income Family Homes expansion project did not win state funding this year, and that the Authority would apply again in April for 2011. She said removing Allen-O’Neill Drive from Town ownership is a loose end which needs to be addressed to make the Application by DHA complete. Mr. Maroney moved and Ms. Hennessy seconded that Planning, Zoning and Housing be primary and Public Works, Public Health and Safety, and Finance and Budget be Secondary. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from TGS&A re ordinance rework – A subcommittee is working on establishment of Emergency Powers. TGS&A is also looking at a noise ordinance.

Agenda for the September 27 Regular Meeting of the RTM- Mr. Maroney moved and Ms. Hennessy seconded the following order for the September 27 Agenda:

1. **Appointment of Five Mile River Commissioner**
2. **Amend Code of Ordinances - Purchasing Administration**

3. **Amend Darien Charter - Purchasing Procedures**
4. **Amend Darien Charter - Budget Publication Timeframe**

Agenda for an October 25 Special Meeting of the RTM – Mr. Price moved and Mr. Swenson seconded that there should be a Special Meeting of the RTM on October 25 using following order:

1. **Animal Control Ordinance**
2. **Town Abandonment of Allen-O'Neill Drive**
3. **Funding for Proposed Projects to move the Board of Education and the Senior Center**
4. **Establishment of a Flood Control Commission**

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Seth W. Morton - Clerk