

Representative Town Meeting
Town of Darien, Connecticut
Rules Committee
Minutes
Regular Meeting, January 9, 2017, 8:00PM
Room 119

The meeting was called to order at 8:05PM.

Present: Morton(Moderator), Schneider, Thorne, Davis, Banks, Hennessy, Hawkins and Swenson. Baumgardner and Kemp joined the meeting a few minutes late.

Absent: Bacon, Maroney and Adiletta.

Also in attendance for a portion of the meeting were Selectman Susan Marks and Attorney Wayne Fox.

- Members of each of the districts proposed committee assignments for their new members. Mr. Swenson made a motion to approve the proposed slate. The motion was approved unanimously.

District 1

Derek Lublin, Education

District 2

Stacey Tie, F&B

Tim Goertel, Parks & Rec

Susanne Handler, PH&S

Iris Mix, PW

Will Cusack, TGS&A

District 3

Sue-Ellen Mitchell, Parks & Rec

Peter Riordan, PZ&H

Holly Giordano, PH&S

Carolina McGoey, PH&S

Elise Feldman, TGS&A

Nick Vitale, TGS&A

District 4

Matt Raben, F&B

Brian McKay, PW

District 5

Ann Reed, Education

Deb Ven, Education

David Martin, F&B

Bill Smith, F&B

District 6

Shannon Silsby, Education

Mia Handler, PH&S

- Mr. Davis indicated that neither the Board of Educations Teachers Contract nor the Board of Educations Administrators Contract should appear on the RTM's January agenda, as information about the contracts is not yet complete. Committee assignments were made in anticipation of their appearance on the agenda. Mrs. Hennessy made a motion to assign the Education Committee as primary and F&B as secondary. The motion was approved unanimously.
- The Ox Ridge land purchase was discussed. Attorney Wayne Fox noted that there are some outstanding issues that require resolution. Mrs. Hennessy and Mr. Davis agreed that the purchase should not be placed on the RTM's January Agenda. Committees have already been assigned to report on this purchase.
- Mrs. Hennessey and Mr. Davis indicated that the Hecker Avenue purchase still has some outstanding issues and should not be placed on the January RTM Meeting Agenda. Mrs. Thorne moved that PZ&H be assigned as primary on this purchase and F&B be assigned as secondary. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Park & Rec's proposal to amend the Town of Darien Ordinance: Section 42-21 Adopting Rules and Regulations, paragraph b) under Parks & Recreation was briefly discussed. The current ordinance stipulates that any rules and regulations adopted by Parks & Recreation cannot be put into effect until October 1. Parks & Rec's proposed ordinance change: new rules and regulations are to be put into effect 30 days from the date of adoption. Attorney Fox was asked if there was any reason for the October 1 date. He said that they could find nothing in the files relating to the date and he supported Park & Rec's proposed timing change. TGS&A was appointed primary by acclamation.
- The members determined that there was no reason to have a January RTM meeting. Mr. Swenson moved that the January meeting be canceled. The motion was approved unanimously.
- In new business, Mrs. Banks suggested that we should not assign committees to study upcoming agenda items until the proposals for those items are complete and all outstanding issues resolved. Members disagreed and felt that committee input to proposals early in the process is important. The consensus of the group was that we should continue to assign committees when it is known that an item will be appearing on the agenda.
- In other new business, Mrs. Banks suggested that we consider moving the start time of Rules Committee meetings from 8:00PM to 7:30 PM. There was unanimous agreement that we try the proposed new start time.
- Mr. Kemp moved that we adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM. The motion was accepted by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Banks, Acting Clerk

Cc:Standing Committee Chairs
 District Chairs
 First Selectman