

Minutes

Town of Darien Representative Town Meeting Rules Committee

Monday February 13, 2023 7:30 p.m.

Auditorium Darien Town Hall

Present: Seth Morton (Moderator), Lois Schneider (I), Patti Bumgardner (I), Mike Wheeler (II), Michael Casolo (II), Jack Davis (III), Adele Conniff (III), Frank Kemp (IV), Ann Reed (V), Mark Adiletta (V), Peter Orphanos (VI), Theresa Vogt (VI), Joe Miceli (IV)

Absent:

Guest:

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Seth Morton, at 7:32 PM.

There was a motion by Ms. Reed and seconded by Mr. Casolo to approve the minutes from January 9, 2022 Regular Meeting. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Davis discussed the concept of the RTM and First Selectman being able to address unusual items quickly.

Rules Technology Committee Update

Mr. Wheeler noted a recent success on hosting a virtual meeting if necessary.

Next up was to discuss and vote RTM items and assign committees

Change in accounting for Police false alarm fees

Mr. Davis discussed revenue from Police false alarm fees fund perhaps go into the general fund. Police would still get a stipend for those activities currently paid for by this police fund. Those items will show up on the operating budget going forward. Mr. Reed made a motion with Mr. Wheeler second to assign F&B primary with TGS&A secondary. This motion passed unanimously.

Next was update to Town Code on Blight Committee Responsibilities to include Commercial Property. A motion was made by Mr. Casolo with a second from Mr. Adiletta to assign TGS&A primary, PZ&H secondary. This motion passed unanimously.

Next was the DHS Track Appropriation \$815,960. Moderator not this is not ready to proceed to RTM. Mr. Davis noted it is going to be bonded. F&B primary, Education secondary. Mr. Kemp made a motion, with Ms. Vogt second to assign as described.

Next discussed was the Special Appropriation for a Workers Compensation Voluntary Agreement between a Darien Police Officer and the Town in the amount of \$142,714. A motion was made by Ms. Schneider with second by Ms. Conniff to assign F&B primary. The motion passed unanimously.

Next was the appropriation and bonding authorization for \$825,415 for the Purchase of a Pumper for the Noroton Heights Fire Department (Future). A motion was made by Mr. Adiletta with a second by Ms. Reed to assign F&B primary, PH&S secondary. This motion passed unanimously.

Next up was accept and appropriate a gift of \$25,000 from the Darien Foundation for Preparation of a Bid Package for the Weed Beach Meadow & Trail Project. A motion was made by Ms. Bumgardner with a second from Ms. Conniff to assign P&R primary and F&B secondary. This motion passed unanimously.

Similarly, acceptance and appropriate a Gift of \$20,000 from the Dordelman Family for Restoration of the Cherry Lawn Park Gazebo was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Bumgardner with a second from Ms. Conniff to assign P&R primary and F&B secondary. This motion passed unanimously.

Moderator noted a presentation on FOIA by Tom Hennick, State of Connecticut, Freedom of Information Commission, Public Education Officer was confirmed and put it on the agenda.

Next was to set the agenda for February 27, 2023 RTM Meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Schneider with a second from Mr. Miceli to set the order as follows:

1. Presentation on FOIA by Tom Hennick, State of Connecticut, Freedom of Information Commission, Public Education Officer
2. Accept and Appropriate a Gift of \$25,000 from the Darien Foundation for Preparation of a Bid Package for the Weed Beach Meadow & Trail Project
3. Accept and Appropriate a Gift of \$20,000 from the Dordelman Family for Restoration of the Cherry Lawn Park Gazebo
4. Approve Special Appropriation for a Workers Compensation Voluntary Agreement between a Darien Police Officer and the Town in the amount of \$142,714.

This motion passed unanimously.

The Moderator amended the agenda to allow for assignment of Rolf Obin, voted into to District IV, to a committee. Mr. Kem made a motion to assign Mr. Obin to PW with a second from Mr. Miceli. This motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Vogt made a motion to adjourn with a second from Ms. Reed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:33 PM.

cc: Standing Committee Chairs
District Chairs
First Selectman
Rules Committee
Town Administrator
Town Counsel