

Minutes

Town of Darien Representative Town Meeting Rules Committee

Monday March 6, 2023 6:30 p.m.

Room 119 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: Christa McNamara – Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Seth Morton, at 6:32 PM.

The Moderator added to the agenda, without exception, to discuss fees related Planning and Zoning. Mr. Casolo made a motion, with Mr. Davis second, to add PZ&H primary, with F&B secondary to this item. This motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Adiletta and seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the Minutes from the February 13, 2022 Regular Meeting. This motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Schneider provided a Rules Technology Committee update.

- Mr. Davis made a motion with Ms. Reed as a second, that the RTM should have the ability, when necessary, to hold a virtual meeting. This motion passed unanimously.
- A further discussion followed with regard to additional capabilities on email. The Technology Committee will continue its related efforts.

The Moderator proceeded to assignment to committees of new RTM members. Ms. Reed and Mr. Adiletta presented.

- Susan Marks – Parks & Rec
- Yue Huang – Planning & Zoning
- A motion was made by Ms. Reed, with a second by Mr. Wheeler, to assign these new RTM member to committees as described above. This motion passed unanimously.

Next was a discussion and vote on RTM the items below and to assign committees.

- Change in accounting for Police False Alarm fees. A motion was made by Ms. Schneider, with a second by Ms. Reed to assign F&B primary, with no secondary committee. This motion passed unanimously.
- Amending Appendix B Committee Descriptions. This item is not being advanced to the RTM at this time.
- Update Town Code on Blight Committee Responsibilities to include Commercial Property. A motion was made by Ms. Reed, with a second by Mr. Casolo to assign PZ&H primary, with TGS&A and PH&S secondary. This motion passed unanimously.
- DHS Track Appropriation \$815,960. A motion was made by Mr. Orphanos, with a second by Mr. Davis to assign F&B primary, with Education secondary. This motion passed unanimously.
- Change in Section II – 33 of the Code, relating to an increase in threshold for acceptance of gifts. This item does not require a resolution. A mention will take place at the RTM meeting.

Next item was to set the agenda for March 20, 2023 RTM Meeting. The proposed order is as follows:

1. P&Z Fees
 2. DHS Track Appropriation \$815,960.
 3. Update Town Code on Blight Committee Responsibilities to include Commercial Property
 4. Change in accounting for Police False Alarm fees
 5. Change in Section II – 33 of the Code, Increase in threshold for Acceptance of Gifts
- A motion was made by Mr. Orphanos, with a second by Mr. Miceli to accept the agenda as described above. This motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kemp made a motion to adjourn with a second from Ms. Bumgardner. The meeting adjourn at approximately 7:04 PM.

Mark Adiletta
Clerk

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