

Minutes

Town of Darien Representative Town Meeting Rules Committee

Monday April 24, 2023 7:30 p.m.

Darien Town Hall Room 119

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: Frank Kemp (IV)

Guest: Christa McNamara (Town Clerk), Jim Palen (BOF Chair), Tom Moore (District III)

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Seth Morton, at 7:35 PM.

Acceptance of the Agenda

There was a motion by Ms. Reed and seconded by Mr. Wheeler to approve the Minutes from the April 3, 2023 Regular Meeting. This motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

1. Moderator noted the Selectmen voted to Increase the Dollar Amount for the Acceptance of Gifts to the Town to \$12,500, effective once the comment is made. Just an announcement.
2. (23-12) Acceptance of a Darien Foundation Grant of \$123,540.00 to the Darien Police Department. PH&S primary, F&B secondary.
3. (23-13) Appropriation of \$2,500,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to fund capital projects that otherwise, would have been funded through a transfer from the General Fund in the FY 2024 budget. F&B primary
4. (23-14) Consideration and action on the July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 Budget recommended by the Board of Finance, as follows:
5. Appropriation in the Reserve Fund for Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditures \$4,667,767 F&B to do an introduction. Each committee will speak to Capital Item in their area. All committees report (except TGS&A). None were bonded
Appropriations in the General Fund

- Selectmen’s Operating Budget \$51,123,270 F&B Primary,
Other Committees secondary
- Education Operating Budget \$114,448,824 Education Primary,
F&B
- Total Appropriations in the General Fund \$165,572,094 F&B
primary
- Establish mill rate at 17.62 F&B primary

Authorize borrowing up to \$ 5,000,000. F&B Primary

Other Appropriations will be introduced by F&B and move
 From the Sewer Operating Fund \$4,403,215 PW primary (explain)
 From the Sewer Assessment Fund \$200,000 PW primary (explain)
 From the Sewer Capital Fund \$224,500 PW primary (explain)
 From the Parking Lot Admin Fund \$838,000 PW primary (explain)
 From the Parking Lot Capital Fund \$327,500 PW primary (explain)
 From the Recreation Program Fund \$1,400,000 Parks & Rec. (explain)

(23-15) Appropriation of \$119,705,000 for refunding of certain of the Town’s bonds and authorizing issuance of refunding bonds to finance such appropriation. F&B Primary

Next item was to set the agenda for May 8, 2023 RTM Meeting. The proposed order is as based on the draft warning circulated with the Agenda and assignments summarized above. Ms. Reed made a motion to accept with a second from Ms. Vogt to accept as proposed. This motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was properly made by Ms. Reed, with a second by Mr. Adiletta. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:57PM.

Mark Adiletta
 Clerk

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

