

TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES REVIEW COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes for Meeting on June 10, 2010

The meeting came to order at 7:50 PM. Attending were: David Bernstein; Dennis Berry; Steven Correa; Miranda Jones; and William Steinberg (the "Members").

Discussion by the Members included the following:

1. The Members were in general agreement that each Article presented at Town Meeting needs to have a designated advocate. The advocate may be the chair of a Town Board, a Member of the Board of Selectmen, a petitioner of an Article, or any other person so designated. The participants at Town Meeting should be able to expect the advocate to be able to answer questions by citizens at Town Meeting and to set forth the reasons why they are seeking the support of the Town Meeting attendees. This would be a recommendation for each Article, but is not necessarily enforceable.
2. The Members agree that upon completion of the business of this committee, a new committee needs to be formed that will provide for the implementation of the recommendations of this committee and continue to pursue other potential changes to improve Town Meeting. There was a discussion about the members of this committee continuing their work with the new committee for continuity. Others who might be included are those who currently administer Town Meeting, including the Town Administrator. It was suggested that the committee the Moderator is in the process of forming to improve the environment at Town Meeting might become a sub-committee of this new committee.
3. The Committee will meet next on Thursday, June 17, 2010. For that meeting, each member of the committee is asked to create a list consisting of five short term ways to improve Town Meeting and five intermediate term ways to improve Town Meeting. In addition, each member might provide other ways to improve Town Meeting that they feel a future committee should investigate. That list shall be emailed to Dave Bernstein on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 and Dave will consolidate each persons list and send a copy to each of the members of the committee prior to our meeting on June 17th.
4. The agenda for the meeting on June 17, 2010 shall include a discussion of the recommendations (from item 3 above) and the formation of a committee to continue the work of this one.
5. The Members voted to move a potential meeting on June 24, 2010 to 7:30 PM on June 23, 2010. It is anticipated that this would be the final meeting before the committee is dissolved.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William Steinberg

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