

**Representative Town Meeting Coordinating Committee
November 8, 2007.**

Present: J. Girrard (1), R. Peterson(2) ,W. St Lawrence(2), V. Betts(4), D. Pomes(4), P. Follett(5), C. Legg(6), B. Steele(7), J. Donohue(7), D. Bates(8), C. Beale(9)

C. Beale volunteered to take minutes. B. Steele called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Fire fighters union representatives: Michael Bristol and Brian Brousseau addressed the committee to discuss the Fire Department contract which will be discussed at the Town Meeting next Wednesday evening. A question regarding article in the paper which stated that they would receive 18% over 3 years was asked. The explanation given was that a 3% pay raise would be given across the board to all personnel. In addition, a sixth step would be added for fire fighters with more than five (5) years of service. Under the old contract when a person achieved five years of service they “topped out” and did not receive additional raises. Adding a sixth step, a 4.4% increase would affect approximately 2/3 of the staff giving them 7.4% the first year of the contract. Persons with less than 5 years would only get 3%. The contract would be retroactive to July 2007. The second and third years of the contract would give 3% raises per year to those with less than 6 years and the additional 4.4% step to those reaching 6 years of service.

Finance committee made assumption that free cash would be certified – we won’t know until time of the meeting if that will be the case. \$350,000 of cash has been taken in and is allocated for meeting. Meeting will be either long or very short.

Approved minutes from September 11, 2007 – motion to approve by J Donohue, seconded by D. Pomes approved by all

Storage Space update (W. St Lawrence) - unable to locate old material. B. Steele will get space approved for file cabinet in Town Hall. Motion to purchase file cabinet from our budget approved

By-law subcommittee (W. St Lawrence): nothing new to report

MIS Committee Report (C. Beale): updates are being routinely done to RTMCC website by C. Beale nothing new

Treasurer’s Report (J. Donohue): \$500 in account

Survey results (B. Steele): most people believe they get their information in a timely manner, comments about reducing the size of RTM, start time earlier suggested, reversing order of roll call votes suggested.

Old business: Sub committee on over 55 housing (R. Peterson) stated that the town planner is reworking the wording of the article.

C. Legg questioned whether action has been taken on creating a charter.

New business: A bylaw article will be submitted that would allow the RTMCC to vote to elect new members for precincts that do not have a quorum

Request for new signs with precinct numbers for tables.

Distribute warrants & info to precinct chairs to be distributed this weekend

Motion to adjourn made, seconded and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM

Next meeting: January 15th, 2008