

RTM Coordinating Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 31, 2012

Coordinating Committee Members Present: L. Gilligan(1), J. Boyce(1), M. Tardif(2), R. Grozier(2), S. Nassaney(3), A. Woodbury(3), S. Ross(5), L. Weston(6), R. Nerz(7), J. Bagarella(8), C. Beale(9)

RTM Members Present: Walter St. Lawrence(2), Paul Couturier(3), R. Lagasse(6)

Prospective RTM Members: K. Ramm(1), M. LeStage(1), E. Doherty(2), C. Tetreault(4), M. O'Brien(6), B. Clark(7), L. Clark(7), S. Stuart(7), F. Jackson(7), B. Deck(8), I. Rodriguez(8), C. McKenna(8), L. DeCota(8), D. Voisient(9)

Precincts Not Represented: (4)

Guests: M. Gould(Town Clerk), T. Hall, B. Schricker, J. Nolan, S. Wilson

Call to order/Pledge – Mr Nerz at 7:05PM

RTM Information Session for Prospective Candidates – Mr. Nerz

- Mr Nerz introduced the members of RTMCC by precinct
- reason town went to RTM as opposed to Open Town Meeting
- RTM allowed when town has at least 6000 residents
- mayor/council requires 12,000
- legislature is the RTM
- normally, if precincts were full, there would be 5 vacancies per precinct per year
- this year we have 83 open seats
- structure of RTM: 9 precincts, 15 members per precinct, 135 total members
- vacancies can be filled by precinct caucus, or persons who ran and received at least 25 votes
- redistricting caused some vacancies in precincts
- RTM approves operating budget and capital expenditures. RTM has visibility to major “line item” level within departments except for the School budget which is view as a single line item
- RTM approves bylaw additions and changes, zoning changes and street acceptances
- also approves union contracts(yes/no only)
- Annual Town Meeting (1st Monday in June)

- Semi Annual Town Meeting (3rd Monday in October)
- Special Town Meeting (as called by the BOS)
- preparation can be done at home: North TV, Fin Com recommendations, invitation to various public meetings, talk to colleagues, Sun Chronicle, Free Press, North TV
- RTM Duties: good attendance at town meetings, vote at meetings to represent thinking of your constituents, prepare at home
- every candidate must get at least 25 votes to be elected (Max Gould)

Reading of last meeting minutes – Mr. Beale reading waived by unanimous vote as amended

Treasurer's Report – Ms Ross nothing new to report.

Town Meeting Critique -

a) meeting

- moderator doing a very good job steering unusual occurrences
- could we come up with a preliminary motion to ask people to identify if they are going to discuss client
- if someone is a member of another board as well as RTM member they should be acting as RTM members on Town meeting floor
- if someone has an affirmative action they should have it prepared prior to speaking
- Planning Board had a rough December and January
- debate would be easier if the reason for the Fin Com and/or the Planning Board voted to IP
- letters from the Planning Board should be made available to RTM members as a handout
- might be a good idea to have Planning Board or Zoning Board presentations to this body.

b) seating

- feedback mixed pro and con
- a lot of talking between members
- suggestion to have a subcommittee to go to the middle school to try different table configurations.

RTM recruitment efforts - getting over the goal line

- members should call prospective members and ask if they need any signatures or assistance

Pleasure of Committee/New business

- Max Gould stated that it is required by law that the Chairman must announce at the beginning of the meeting that the meeting is being recorded.

Agenda and date for March meeting

- form a subcommittee for seating
- Next meeting possibilities: March 5, 12, 6, 13

Article #12 - follow up info on signature/sponsorship discussion from 1/5/2012 meeting

Motion to Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 9:17PM by unanimous vote