DATE: Nov 13, 2018
PLACE: Town Hall Annex – Meeting Room B

Minutes

Committee Members:
Present: David Miller, Adam Tigges, Larry Warfield  Absent: Wendy Guthro, Sandra MacKay
Other Attendees: Ruth Rin

Topics
1. Review and approval of prior meeting minutes
   1.1. September 11, 2018 meeting minutes
       Motion: To approve the minutes as revised (Move: Miller, Second: Tigges, 3-0-0)
   1.2. September 24, 2018 meeting minutes
       Motion: To approve the minutes as revised (Move: Miller, Second: Warfield, 3-0-0)
2. Discussion of September Town Meeting articles which did not pass
   2.1. Plastic Bag Ban
       • Ruth appeared to speak in support of the Plastic Bag Ban
         o She passionately believes in the cause.
         o Supports the high school students who brought this forward.
         o Had questions on the process and next steps hoping that the proposed bylaw be brought forward again..
           The committee explained the process. The decision on whether to continue to advocate for this article lies with the proponents. We encourage her to reach out to them to encourage and support them in their endeavor.
       • The committee discussed the problems that having two versions presented to Town Meeting caused. One was the revised version that the proponents said they submitted. The other, the version printed in the warrant and submitted by the administration as the motion, caused quite a bit of confusion on the floor of Town Meeting. As a result Town Meeting Members who may have been inclined to support the article didn’t because they were unclear exactly what was being voted upon.
   2.2. Moderator 3 Year Terms
       • After some good debate, Town Meeting expressed their preference for a 1 year Moderator term over 3 years. Unless a new proponent comes forward, the committee plans no further action.
   2.3. Two-thirds Voting
       • It appears that Town Meeting was concerned how one would determine that a significantly obvious majority had voted for an article required a 2/3 majority and how to prevent or contest about the ability of Moderator to call close (or even losing) position. There was also confusion reconciling the Moderator’s tie-breaking capability and how it relates to super majorities.
         Member Warfield will distribute the text of the warrant and committee members will think about how it may be revised to address the issues for our December 11 meeting.
3. Adjourn (3-0-0)