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Rules Committee Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2018

Members Present: Paul Girouard, Jim Patterson, Eileen Sickler, Eleanor O'Connell, Gary Kasky, Myrna Saltman, Mark Woods, Roger Riggs, Adam Senesi

Also present: Amy Warfield, Town Clerk, Larry Warfield, By-Laws Committee

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

Meeting minutes from December 11, 2017 were reviewed and approved by a vote of 8-0-1.

The purpose of this meeting for the Rules Committee was to review the January 22, 2018 Warrant Articles and back up material prior to Town Meeting and advise if the information provided was sufficient or not. Overall the Rules Committee felt that the back-up material is now much more comprehensive than in the past.

The Rules Committee offered the following suggestions on the following Warrant Articles:

Article # 3 (Five-Year Municipal Solid Waste Collection/Disposal Contract) - provide a spreadsheet or table of the potential cost to the Town of Burlington for this service.

Article # 5 (Fire Department Paramedic Training) – provide a spreadsheet or table illustrating potential costs of this program to the Town of Burlington over a period of time., and, if applicable, list any financial incentives for individuals who complete the program.

Article # 7 (Transfer of Funds FY 2018 Various Accounts) – provide the dollar figure being requested for this transfer.

Article # 8 (PEG Cable Access Enterprise Fund) – provide a better explanation of the difference between current practice and an enterprise fund.

Article # 10 (Creation of a Zoning By-Law Review Committee) – based on Warrant Article wording the Rules Committee was unclear of the impact the two non-voting members, who already serve on another committee, might have with respect to potential conflicts of interest.

The committee also asked if in the future a URL with back up material be placed under each Warrant Article.

The By-Laws Committee is also interested in having someone from the Rules Committee review Warrant Articles before being submitted to the Selectman's office.

The Rules Committee also discussed changing a by-law so that voting on all items can be done with a raise of hands rather than a head count. The Rules Committee felt this would improve efficiency of voting for TMMs during Town Meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Submitted, Mark Woods, Rules Committee Secretary, TMM Precinct 7