

TOWN MEETING STUDY AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
(TMSIC)

Meeting Minutes

A Special Meeting of the Town Meeting Study and Improvement Committee was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Renaldo A. Deluzio being the chair called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

Present at the meeting were six members of the committee: Charles M. Clark, Sr., Renaldo A. Deluzio, , Dr. Richard A. Heller, Jose M. Morais, Brian Long, and Gregory Johnson. Christine Crean and Michael Visconti were absent. No Participating Applicants to the Committee were present.

Chairman DeLuzio announced the meeting was being voice recorded and asked if there was any objection. No one objected.

1. Approval of Feb. 14th, Feb. 22nd , and April 11th meeting minutes:

Motion was made by Dr. Heller to waive Roberts Rule regarding approving meeting minutes at a special meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The three meetings' minutes were approved as presented.

2. Invitation to Speak: No one requested to speak.

3. Select Warrant Articles for the May 17th Pre-Town Meeting Forum.

Chairman DeLuzio noted that preparations for this forum was especially stressful due to the uncertainty of Warrant availability. The Warrant was finally posted on the Town Website on April 20th (22 days after the Town Meeting Time Line scheduled date of March 29th).

Chairman DeLuzio handed out the attached chart which compiles the requests for Articles responses (*As revised to include Mr. Morais response. Chairman DeLuzio will present another revision at the next meeting.*)

After review and discussion Mr. Long moved to cancel the May 17, 2022 Pre-Town Meeting Forum based on the percentage of Town Meeting Members (less TMSIC members) being less than the Committee's minimum 15%. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman DeLuzio will send cancellation notices to Town Meeting Members (via IT Dept.), Town Administrator (who will notify applicable Town Departments), Town Clerk, the Media (MDN, Town Crier, Milford Patch, Citizens for Milford, Milford TV), and post it on the Town website.

Mr. Long suggested the Chairman present the results to Town Meeting as part of his annual report. Chairman DeLuzio will prepare a statement for Committee approval at the May 18th meeting.

Chairman DeLuzio also reported that he presented these results at a recent meeting with Mr. Villani and that Committee will likely cancel the May 17th forum based on the low number of responses. He also mentioned that he was going to propose the Committee consider deleting this enumerated duty from the TMSIC Standing Vote. He had no concerns.

Mr. Long noted the Warrant process is flawed including when it is made available and the information provided when it is posted. He reiterated his view that the Committee ought to address this issue.

Chairman DeLuzio noted the lack of discipline in enforcing the Town Meeting Time Line dates established by the Town Administrator (and approved by the Selectmen). He also reported that he had brought the matter to Mr. Villani's attention at their recent meeting. Mr. Villani concurred but does not have the final say on the matter.

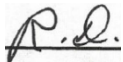
Chairman DeLuzio also noted that theoretically, the Warrant could be available on the Town Website approximately 40 days prior to Town Meeting if the Town Meeting Time Line was followed. However this availability is when the Finance Committee and other department begin their work in reviewing the Articles and preparing supporting information. It is not reasonable to require all information be made available when the Warrant is posted. This issue uncovered a flaw in the TMM Survey 2022 question regarding the Warrant Information Packet availability. He will discuss it further at the May 18th meeting.

Chairman DeLuzio reported that, at his recent meeting with Mr. Villani, he introduced the concept of making Milford TV video recordings of the Finance Committee, Planning Board, etc. meetings that address Warrant Articles more easily accessible to Town Meeting Members by utilizing technology. The concept would involve creating a page on the Town Website with a list of web links to the videos. The TMSIC could then email notice to Town Meeting Members (via the IT department) to check the website for these recording. He thought it was worth exploring. The Committee also thought the concept was worth consideration.

4. Discuss May 23, 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles 20, 23, 26 and 38.

Dr. Heller and Chairman DeLuzio reported that these articles would more than likely be ruled out of order or passed over. However each was discussed. It was the consensus of the Committee that the Committee should not take a position on any of them.

Submitted by:



Reno DeLuzio, Chairman

Date: 5/11/22

Attachment:

May 17, 2022 Pre-Town Meeting Forum - Responses to Request for Articles Tally (All Non-Zero and Ranked Top 10) -1A																							
First Notice												Reminder											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20			
Art.#	PR	RH	LV	RD	MV	RW	HR	KS	CC	BL	SH	NW	GBT	NBT	NC	LW	MBT	BR	HT	JM	Total	(29 Articles were submitted for consideration)	
																						Article Description	
19		1				1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1		13	Amend, replace or repeal Police Chief Selection Committee	
30	1					1		1	1	1					1		1		1	1	9	Select Board from 3 to 5 Members	
20				1				1		1					1	1	1		1		7	Ad Hoc Committee for Appointments	
21	1					1		1	1		1				1	1					7	New Police Chief Selection Committee	
13			1		1						1	1		1	1						6	CB Neighborhood Comm. District Zoning Change	
17		1	1		1													1	1		6	Supplemental Apartments Zoning	
24		1											1	1		1	1				6	Water Commissioners Legislation	
23	1			1							1	1					1				5	Eliminate Town Meeting Members at Large	
26	1			1							1		1		1						5	Change Town Meeting (<i>Election</i>) from Apr. to Jun.	
36											1	1					1	1	1		5	Residential Sports Courts Zoning Change	
38	1			1							1						1		1		5	Provide for meetings to promote good government	
31								1	1	1					1					1	5	Increase Select Board to 7 members	
12		1									1		1	1							4	<div><div>Summary</div><div>Notices to Town Meeting Members (TMM)</div><div>Email----- 221</div><div>US Mail ----- 22</div><div>Total 243</div><div>TMM Responses</div><div>Email ----- 20</div><div>US Mail ----- 0</div><div>Total 20 (8%)</div><div>There were no public responses.</div><div>-----</div><div>Of the 20 Responses, 6 of the 7 TMSIC Members responded.</div><div>% Responses less 7 TMSIC Members = ((20-6)/(243-7))x100 = 6%</div><div>TMSIC Criteria to Justify Proceeding</div><div>A minimum of 15% (35) of TMM Responses (excluding TMSIC members).</div></div>	
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May 17th 2022 Pre-Town Meeting Forum

Request for Articles Respondents (20)

Richard Heller

Brian Long

Charles Clark

Harold S. Rhodes

Robert Weisenhorn

Kim Smith

Michael Visconti

Reno Deluzio

Susan Hastert

Linda J. Visconti

Peter Rasmussen

Nancy Wojick

Giancarlo Bon Tempo

Noel C. Bon Tempo

Nicolas Cusworth

Lauren Wilton

Michelangelo Bon Tempo

Brendan Rickert

Hannah Tavares

Joe Morais