

TOWN MEETING STUDY AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
(TMSIC)

January 9, 2023

Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Town Meeting Study and Improvement Committee was held on Monday, January 9, 2023. Renaldo A. Deluzio being the chair called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

Present at the meeting were: Renaldo A. Deluzio, Christine Crean, Richard A. Heller, Michael Visconti, Gregory Johnson. Absent from the meeting were: Joe Morais, Charles Clark, and Brian Long. No members of the Participating Applicants to the Committee were present:

Administrative Items: There was no audio recording of the meeting.

1. Approval of the minutes: Michael Visconti moved to approve the December 12, 2022 minutes, seconded by Richard A. Heller. The minutes were accepted as presented.

2. Invitation to Speak: No one from the public being present, an invitation to speak was unnecessary.

3. Revisit Proposed Survey Question Re: Town Boards, Departments, etc. communicating with Town Meeting Members via Email: Mr. Morais sent simplified forms of 2 questions to the Chairman for consideration. This item was postponed to next meeting by consensus due to the absence of Mr. Morais.

4. Town Meeting Member's Email Authorization: Chairman DeLuzio noted that the original version of the authorization Affidavit was specifically for TMSIC communication and for the TMSIC to conduct survey's. This version is flawed in that if the TMSIC is dissolved there would no longer be a mechanism to provide information to Town Meeting Members and conduct surveys. He handed out a new version for discussion that authorized Town Boards, Committees, Commissions, Departments, Authorities, Town Administrator, Town Moderator, etc. to communicate with Town Meeting Members and for the Moderator to conduct surveys. He noted that he will consult with the IT Director and Attorney Moody regarding this approach.

Two forms would be required --- a digital form for the Email authorization and a hard copy form for the Town Clerk's use for new Town Meeting Members.

Richard Heller moved to advance the Affidavit; Christine Crean seconded. Motion passed.

5. TMSIC's Future: Chairman DeLuzio noted discussion on this topic requires the attention of the full Committee. Three members being absent, he announced that it will be postponed to the next meeting. Ms. Crean asked what more needs to be done. Chairman DeLuzio noted that the recruitment letter sent to prospective candidates in 2019 listed accomplishments and initiatives. He took the action item to update it and send it to all members in advance of the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Christine Crean

Date: 2/15/2023