

TOWN MEETING STUDY AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE  
(TMSIC)

Meeting Minutes:

The regular meeting of the Town Meeting Study and Improvement Committee was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023. Renaldo A. Deluzio being in the chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

**1. Approve the September 11, 2023 meeting minutes.**

Approved as presented.

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

**3. October 20, 2023 Special Town Meeting Article to Dissolve the Committee**

Chairman DeLuzio handed out copies of his remarks that he will present at town meeting. He requested he read them first but will take interruptions if they are in error or should be said differently, and then open them up for discussion.

During the reading Mr. Visconti was recognized for comment. He asked “do we need to say no member has expressed interest in serving as chair?” He would prefer it not be said. Chairman DeLuzio responded that it is a fact, and it is important because it is the primary reason this committee cannot sustain itself as there is no one to take over when his term expires on Jan. 24, 2024. Mr. Visconti speculated --- what if he expressed interest in serving as Chair now and at the committee’s reorganization meeting, he declined the nomination?

Chairman DeLuzio felt that proposition would be deceiving the Town Meeting. We should have a chair going into next year and not pretend that by some miracle we will have one between January and May. Mr. Visconti still disagreed.

Chairman DeLuzio continued with the reading.

Mr. Visconti would like to see the Committee continue because there are more things that could be done. Chairman DeLuzio responded that the Committee does not have the capacity to take on the enumerated duties that have not been addressed, let alone new things. Ms. Crean commented that it does not matter whether we have a chair, the committee cannot function without IT Dept. support.

Mr. Long asked why we must give the reasons for dissolving the committee. Chairman DeLuzio noted that the Town Meeting members should know why we are recommending the Committee be dissolved. Mr. Long concurred and thought it was probably worth doing because Town Meeting members should know that their lack of participation was part of the problem.

Chairman DeLuzio also noted that he will be preparing an Annual Report for the Town Report and a Final Report to the Town Meeting.

Chairman DeLuzio commented that the scope and complexity of what we attempted to do needed more expertise (e.g., someone with communications skills, someone who could manage a sub-committee and take on a task and run with it, someone with computer skills, etc. )

Mr. Visconti noted that he and other members should have taken some of the load off the Chairman and the Chairman should have delegated more. Chairman DeLuzio commented that the few times he delegated he had to take over and finish the assignment.

Mr. Morais noted that it would not have mattered very much. The problem is that the committee needed to be able to speak with the Town Meeting members and was not allowed to do so.

There were no objections to the Chairman presenting his prepared remarks at the Oct. 30, 2003 Special Town Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

*Reno DeLuzio*

Reno DeLuzio, Chairman

Date: 11/15/23