

Special Town Meeting March 17, 2010

Rudy Marconi, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the large conference room of Town Hall. He announced that the purpose of the meeting is to act upon the proposed revisions to the Code of Ordinances.

He announced that the first item of business was to appoint a Moderator. Joan Plock moved, Di Masters seconded to appoint Ed Tyrrell of 17 Pond Rd. as Moderator.

Vote: "Aye" votes unanimous, and Mr. Tyrrell was appointed Moderator.

The Moderator called the meeting to order, and asked that a motion be made and seconded to appoint Barbara Serfilippi, Town Clerk, as the secretary of the meeting. Di Masters moved, Barbara Manners seconded to appoint Ms. Serfilippi as secretary.

Vote: "Aye" votes unanimous, and Barbara Serfilippi was appointed secretary.

Mr. Tyrrell read the legal notice of the meeting as it appears on page 229, and announced that copies of the proposed ordinance were available for the public in the front of the room.

The Moderator then entertained a motion to waive the reading of the entire code revisions.

Barbara Manners moved, Di Masters seconded to waive the reading.

Vote: "Aye" votes unanimous, and the reading was waived.

The Moderator asked for a motion to approve the ordinance.

Barbara Manners moved, Di Masters seconded to approve the revisions.

Mr. Tyrrell opened the meeting to discussion and asked the First Selectman and the Town Attorney, David Grogins to speak. Mr. Marconi explained that the project began in 2005 to make the ordinance book more user- friendly and to put the ordinances on line.

Mr. Grogins explained that the proposed ordinance would essentially renumber the old ordinances, create a new index, repeal certain verbiage that refers to old institutions and entities that no longer exist, and correct names of various boards and commissions. The objective of the revisions was to put the ordinances in an organized order, so that the public can easily use them and also to put them on the Internet. It has been a problem for many years.

Barbara Manners, Selectman, wanted it made clear that the changes are really administrative as opposed to substantive. If substantive changes were to be made, the changes would have to go to a public hearing and then voted on at a Town meeting.

Mr. Marconi requested a change be made to Chapter 317, Taxation. He mentioned that the section ends with "the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006," but it needs to have

added “a total tax credit of up to \$1,011 in the taxes due thereafter in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2007 and a total tax credit up to \$1,048 in the taxes due thereafter in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008.” He added that the money amount was not increased this year.

Mr. Marconi moved to amend the Code as presented, to include the changes referenced in Chapter 317 to add “for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2007 the amount of \$1,011; and for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008, the amount of \$1,048.”
The motion was seconded. There was no discussion.

The Moderator asked for a vote on the matter pending.

Vote: “Aye” votes unanimous, and the motion carried.

There being no further business, the Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn.
Andy Bodner moved, Di Masters seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: “Aye” votes unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Serfilippi, Town Clerk