

RTM Coordinating Committee
March 7, 2006

Present: Charles Mottinger (1), Richard Peterson (2), Walter St. Lawrence (2), Catherine Shuman (3), Joan Marchitto (3) Paul Follett (5), Jay Maslen (6), Eleanor Bertino (7), Don Bates (8), Charles Beale (9)

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM by C. Mottinger.
Minutes of February 7 approved.

New Member Orientation: Will be about 45 minutes long and core of meeting will remain unchanged.

- Review of RTM Handbook: responsibilities, preparation tips for Town Meeting, Review of Town Meeting process, Introduction to motions.
- A mock town meeting will be held.
- Review of "Citizen's Guide to Town Meeting"
- Questions and answers

Binders will be supplied with RTM Handbook, Citizen's Guide to Town Meeting, Useful Web Links, RTM membership list, Flow Chart of Town Organization

Coordinating Committee will have a few questions ready in case Question and Answer period is slow to start.

Web page: C. Beale has disc ready to go on line. Will give to Keith Meuller. Basic material will be online by end of March.

Candidates Night: Will be held on March 28 for Selectmen candidates only. Peter Gay will be moderator. Coordinating Committee will submit questions for candidates and each candidate will be given the questions in advance. Community Service announcements will be made regarding Candidates Night.

Recap of February Town Meeting: 1. Moderator pay raise cannot happen at this time as budget is already set for 2006. 2. Members felt Town Meeting was out of control. 3. Discussion of articles appears to be inverse to amount of money to be spent. 4. Large expenditures should be broken down into what the cost is to voters. 5. Articles should be written correctly and meet laws. 6. Recommendation books have too many typos. 7. Representatives of Coordinating Comm. are needed for Zoning-Planning committee. C. Mottinger has list of names and will make choices.

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.