

## **Representative Town Meeting Coordinating Committee**

**Tuesday April 29, 2008**

**Present:** Charles Mottinger (1), Richard Peterson (2), Walter St. Lawrence (2), Catherine Shuman (3), Don Pomes (4), Virginia Betts (4), Jay Maslen (6), Charles Legg (6), Bart Steele (7), John Donahue (7), Don Bates (8), Tom Richards (9)

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

Chair issued apology to D. Bates and J. Donahue for not notifying that their item had been tabled.

**Minutes:** Minutes of March 25 approved.

Chair thanked C. Shuman for minutes and letter to Selectmen.

**By-Law Subcommittee Updates:** Discussed reasons for reviewing article for later town meeting. Members agreed that 10 signatures should be added. D. Bates will make adjustments before going to By-Law Study Committee and M. Gould. By-Law will be discussed at next meeting and put on warrant for Oct. meeting.

By-Law Study Comm. voted to support article re. minutes. M. Gould spoke to Fin. Comm. opposing article as he is concerned with enforcement.

**MIS Comm.:** Website is up to date.

**Treasurer:** Invoice from Free Press will be between \$200 and \$225. There is \$500 balance.

**Handbooks:** C. Mottinger has enough for new members.

**Annual Town Meeting:** Will be May 19. Bart will correspond with Michelle DiRenzo and J. Janick asking for supporting data. Members felt articles for salaries and benefits should have information from surrounding towns for comparisons.

**Orientation:** R. Peterson outlined format. Town Administrator will be invited to explain how to read the budget, CIP and bonding information. Moderator will be invited to discuss town meeting procedures. Will be held at Police Station on May 12. Will be advertised on local TV. J. Donahue will also ask that meeting be televised.

**Old Business:** B. Steele bought filing cabinet for RTM Coor. Comm. from Hollywood Video. Will ask Town Administrator for storage area.

Free Press ad looking for new members was excellent.

**New Business:** Discussed how to recruit new members. D. Bates and Town Administrator discussed new law enabling Town Meetings to be held in June.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.