

**REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING COORDINATING COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 2, 2008**

Present: Richard Peterson (2), Walter St. Lawrence (2), Catherine Shuman (3), Don Pomes (4), Shelly Ross (5), Jay Maslen (6), Jan Meierdiercks(6), Don Bates (8), Charles Beale (9)

Precincts One and Seven were not represented.

Minutes of Oct. 7 and Nov. 18 were accepted.

Jay Maslen reported that RTM handbook on website is missing pages.

Attorney General stated that question of who can vote at Coordinating Comm. (chairs and/or co-chairs) should be referred to town counsel. Motion passed that Town Administrator would be requested to send letter to town counsel.

Treasurer: \$800 in account.

Chair requested that discussion should keep on subject at hand.

Goals: 1. How to get membership more involved. Members agreed that redistricting could help. We will start dialogue with Election Commissioners about redistricting – make up of districts, at-large positions. Motion passed to invite K. Poirier to January meeting with following information to be looked at:

How are numbers determined for each precinct?

Should number of precincts change?

2. Comparison of town wages with those of private businesses. M. Fisher will be invited to Feb. meeting to discuss that comparison plus how town is spending money in certain areas (vehicles). Members would like a breakdown of vehicles by dept. Also the following:

Budgets for previous 5 years

How budget is constructed

List of excess equipment and how much it has been sold for

What happens to old equipment when new equipment is purchased

How does town budget work with enterprise funds

Where does revenue come from

Members would like Mark to discuss enterprise funds at Feb. meeting.

Signage on vehicles: By-law re. signs on vehicles should be rewritten.

Old Business: Where can file cabinet be placed.

Don Bates : Government change meetings are ongoing. 2000 Special Act Charter will be sent to RTM June meeting for vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM. Next meeting is pending.