

Town Meeting Procedure Committee Minutes

September 05, 2018

1. **Attendance:** Cheryl Barker, Rebecca Greene, Mark Wolinski
2. **Called to order:** A meeting of the Town Meeting Procedure Committee was held in the First Floor Conference Room at Swampscott Town Hall. Meeting was opened at 7:30p.m.
3. **Discussion:** The Chair, Mr. Wolinski called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
 - Minutes from July 19, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.
 - The Chair, Mr. Wolinski discussed the Reading Town Meeting. It involved no pageantry. Articles are not read in Reading. Mr. Wolinski would like this considered as a change for Swampscott Town Meeting. Discussion of indefinite postponement at 3:44 in TM. Tabling discussed at 4:13- non-debatable – vote.
 - Secretary, Mrs. Barker discussed Milton at 59:03 – Consent Agenda: Used for several years successfully in Milton. Motion made: Establish rule at TM to facilitate use of a consent agenda – reads at least five business days prior to the first day of the TM or any special town meeting. Moderator shall propose a consent agenda –listing all articles that moderator deems to be non controversial, at first session of meeting at request of any 5 members present, any article may be removed from consent agenda and debated/voted upon if there are concerns. (Motion to elect temporary moderator so moderator may speak to the consideration of the motion.), All items remaining on consent agenda shall then be voted on with 2/3 vote without debate. Benefit: Potentially pass 50% of articles with one vote. 59:03 in Milton Warrant. Please see video. Mrs. Barker would like this considered for Swampscott TM.
 - Electronic voting to be discussed at next meeting. Information to be obtained through Moderator and Town Clerk.
 - Chair to contact Town Clerk regarding adding comment section for TMPC with feed to committee member email addresses.
4. **Adjournment:** There being no other business matters to discuss; the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Barker



Secretary
Town Meeting Procedure Committee