

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Rules Committee
Council Chambers
Town Hall
March 7, 2016 at 7PM

Present: Michael Smart, Chairman
Kenneth DiFazio, Vice Chairman
Arthur Mathews, Councilor
Patrick O'Connor, Councilor
Rebecca Haugh, Councilor

Recording Secretary: Diane T. Hachey

Chairman Michael Smart called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM.

He noted that suggested revisions were received from Diane Hachey and Richard Swanson.

Ms. Hachey submitted a suggested revision to Rule Number 24 "Council Meetings" section f—to add "or committee meeting" following "Town Council Meeting". It was noted that this addition would clarify that not only Town Council Meetings, but committee meetings also cannot occur the eve prior to an election.

Councilor Mathews motioned to add "or committee" to Rule 24 section f, motion seconded by Councilor DiFazio, and voted unanimously.

The second proposed revision was to Rule Number 34 section C "Committee Meetings" and the suggestion is to delete "but meetings may be held at any time by unanimous consent of all the members of the committee." Councilor DiFazio clarified that this is contradictory as it doesn't agree with the first half of the rule.

Councilor DiFazio motioned to strike the latter sentence in Rule 34 section C, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously.

The final revision was submitted by Richard Swanson and is pertinent to Rule Number One, Section C "The President-Power and Duties". The suggested revision is to substitute the "Chair of Budget/Management" for the "Clerk". This relates to the unavailability of a Vice President to preside over the Town Council Meeting, in the absence of the President.

Councilor Mathews motioned for striking "the Clerk" and replacing with "Chair of Budget/Management" for Rule Number One, Section C, motion seconded by Councilor DiFazio and voted unanimously.

Councilor O'Connor motioned to accept the Town Council Rules, as amended, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews and voted unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:25 PM, there being no further business, a motion was made by Councilor O'Connor to adjourn and motion was seconded by Councilor Mathews. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Hachey as Recording Secretary

Approved by Michael Smart as Chairman/Rules Committee