

The Rules Committee Minutes

6 June 2019 Meeting 6:00pm

Longmeadow Fire Station - Community Room
Longmeadow, MA 01106

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Members present:

Mike Kallock

JJ Rodriguez

Elenor Stolar

Sandra Metz

Also present Mrs Rebecca Townsend, Town Moderator

In the absence of an elected chairperson and secretary, Mrs Townsend acted as Chair pro tempore.

Mrs Townsend opened nominations for Chairperson.

Mike Kallock was elected by acclamation as Chairman

Kallock opened nominations for Committee Secretary

JJ Rodriguez was elected as Secretary by acclamation

Kallock read Minutes of the April 17 2018.

Motion to approve seconded. Approved by unanimous vote of those present at that meeting.

Kallock proposed Committee Meetings to be held once a month every second Tuesday of each month at 6p.

Motion seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

Kallock informed that the Annual Committee Report will be prepared by the chair.

Kallock informed that the Chair will assume posting of meetings.

The secretary will create/update a Committee distribution list for official communication.

New business:

Metz proposed looking into the practice of reading the full warrant during town meetings. Metz asserts that this practice is not necessary as warrants are published in advance, residents are

aware of the articles and reading the full article is a waste of time causing the town meeting to drag on unnecessarily.

It was agreed to conduct further discussion at a future date

“Calling the question” Rule 3-17 was discussed. Attention was brought to the phrase “not to exceed five on either side” in the last sentence of the rule alleging it creates confusion as to the implementation of the rule in practice.

It was agreed to conduct further discussion at a future date.

The committee discussed a proposal to conduct a study of the viability of electronic voting for town meetings.

It was agreed to conduct an in-depth discussion at the next Committee Meeting.

Next committee meeting was scheduled for 9 July 2019 6p

Motion to adjourn 7:10p