

Middlesex Town Meeting Solutions Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2014

Present: Susan Clark, Janette Shaffer, Dave Shepard, Barb Whitchurch, Greg Whitchurch

1. Minutes of January 13, 2014 Meeting

The meeting minutes for the January 13, 2014 meeting of the Town Meeting Solutions Committee (TMSC) were reviewed. The minutes were approved.

2. New Voter Letter

This year's letter welcoming new voters went to 45 individuals. Thanks to Tim Murphy for formatting the labels for the mailing.

3. Child Care for Town Meeting

Community Connections will once again be providing child care during Town Meeting. Notice of the availability of child care will be included in the weekly Rumney School newsletter. Parents will need to register before the school winter break. The Town Meeting Tidbits that will appear on Front Porch Forum (FPF) will also include the sign-up date for child care.

4. Town Meeting Dinner

The details for Town Meeting dinner are all set up and this event will be publicized through FPF.

5. Budget Charts

John Riley has prepared the budget charts for Town Meeting that will be included in the Town Report. Printing of the sheets that are distributed at Town Meeting had been done through Barb's work but will need to be printed elsewhere this year. Barb and Greg will check with Sarah Merriman about using the Town's copier.

6. Discretionary Funding Task Force

Barb will check in with Sarah Seidmann. A handout summary will be prepared for Town Meeting that will reference the appropriate pages in the Town Report for reports from the organizations seeking funding.

7. Remote Town Meeting Participation

Harry Domanski is interested in participating. The initial test of the system for this year worked after a couple of attempts and there will be another test on Wednesday of this week. Janette has checked out the space and equipment at Rumney and will finalize details with Chip Hedler. A wired connection will be used. It will be helpful during Town Meeting if someone can be by the phone to unmute if a participant wants to speak.

8. Sound

Susan will check with Bennett Shapiro about doing the sound and having mobile microphones available. She will round up a few students to act as microphone runners.

9. Other Business

Dave inquired about an email account that town commission and committee members might use for town related business. Susan suggested checking with the League of Cities and Towns.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Minutes by Dave Shepard
