

Middlesex Town Meeting Solutions Committee
Meeting Minutes
Rumney School
January 13, 2014

Present: Susan Clark, Ron Krauth, Dexter LeFavour, Tim Murphy, Janette Shaffer, Dave Shepard, Barb Whitchurch, Greg Whitchurch

1. Minutes of June 14, 2013 Meeting

The meeting minutes for the June 14, 2013 meeting of the Town Meeting Solutions Committee (TMSC) were reviewed. Dexter moved to approve with a second from Janette. The minutes were approved.

2. Welcome Letter to New Voters

Town Clerk Sarah Merriman has provided the list of new voters added to the checklist in 2013 who will receive the welcome letter. Tim will help with the mail merge and labels and Barb will help with getting the mailing out.

3. Town Meeting

- Food: Liz Scharf will once again be overseeing the post Town Meeting meal. Volunteers from the Food Shelf may be helping to serve.
- Childcare: Confirmation hasn't been received as yet but it is likely that childcare will be provided through Community Connections as in past years.
- Budget charts: Greg and Barb will work with John Riley to produce the budget charts, coordinating with Cindy Carlson who will have the budget figures.
- Transportation: Dave Shepard will be the contact for anyone who needs transportation to Town Meeting.
- Discretionary Funding Task Force: Susan and Barb will prepare the report that will be in the handout that is provided at Town Meeting. Barb will check with Sarah Seidmann.
- Front Porch Forum: TMSC will again post occasional informative items about Town Meeting (Town Meeting Tidbits) on Front Porch Forum.
- School Budget: The perennial issue of how to get more citizen involvement in the budget process was brought up.
- Remote Town Meeting Participation (RTMP): Greg will check with past participants about their interest for this year. The new voter letter referenced in #2 above will be checked to ensure it mentions RTMP. Susan has done one post on Front Porch Forum so far.

4. Town Website

Susan has sent Maryke Gillis, the Assistant Town Clerk, the section on democracy from the Middlesex Operator's Manual that was missing from the website.

5. Next Meeting

The next TMSC meeting was scheduled for February 10th at Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Dave Shepard
