

New Shoreham Town Council Meeting
Town Hall, Old Town Road, Block Island
Monday, April 25, 2011
12:00 noon

Present: First Warden Kimberley H. Gaffett, Second Warden Raymond J. Torrey, Town Councilor Peter B. Baute, Town Councilor Kenneth C. Lacoste and Town Councilor Richard P. Martin. Also present were Town Manager Nancy O. Dodge and Finance Director Amy Land. Town Clerk Fiona Fitzpatrick took the minutes of the meeting.

First Warden Kimberley H. Gaffett called the meeting to order at 12:00.

Approval of Warrant for May 2, 2011 Financial Town Meeting

The Finance Director and Town Manager spoke about the process of changing revenues at Financial Town Meeting: fees set by the Council, motor vehicle excise tax, or fees for services the Town could collect from the Water and Sewer Commissions. Could the questions be entertained, and should they be on the Warrant? Fees set by the Council cannot be changed at FTM. Changes in the motor vehicles tax would change both the tax rate and the people affected. The tax levy has been approved by the state and advertised. The people who own vehicles but not property have not been warned that their taxes may increase. It does not preclude a member of public from raising the issue to increase motor vehicle revenues or decrease property tax. The motion would properly be: to recess the meeting to in order to readvertise the property notice tax rate (two weeks) and then reconvene. Decisions on the fee structure: bicycle and sewer-water fees are within the purview of the Town Council and have already been ruled upon.

Ms. Gaffett moved to adopt the Warrant as presented, seconded by Mr. Lacoste.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Torrey, Baute, Lacoste, Martin) Nays: 0

Minutes approved May 18, 2011

Fiona Fitzpatrick
Town Clerk