

Readfield Appointments Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

January 6, 2016

Members Present: Clif Buuck, Val Pomerleau (arrived 5:23 PM), Robin Lint, Rob Peale, Henry Whittemore.

Members Excused Absent: Tom Dunham

Members Unexcused Absent: None

Present and Participating: None

Guests Present: None

Meeting was called to order at 5:08 PM.

Discussion:

Minutes for 12/16/15: Needed to correct date and typos. Moved to accept as amended by Robin, seconded by Henry. Approved unanimously.

We accepted the clean copy of the consensus draft of the Procedures and Guidelines from Henry to continue working from. We discussed the issue of qualifications to be appointed to Boards, Committees, and Commissions (hereinafter BCCs). Citizenship and residency requirements were suggested as possibilities. We decided we would revisit the qualifications issue later. The question arose whether we should also add an applicability section perhaps as a second paragraph on the first page.

It was decided that Henry would use the current consensus draft to build a new working draft that will capture all ideas.

Section 4 of the Procedures for Application and Appointment: We discussed whether advertising on Channel 7 should be optional or not. There is an issue of how easy it is to arrange posting to the channel and the timeliness of it. Val will check with the station operator to see what is involved in posting to the station. There was discussion that the town website is accessible to those who use the

internet but there may be others who would rely more on Channel 7 as a source of information. The third way to get the word out is distributing the Messenger at various places in town.

Section 5: Seems to be okay.

Section 6: We discussed interviewing of people applying for re-appointment and whose decision it would be to have an interview or a chance for the applicant to make their case in front of the Selectboard (hereinafter SB). The SB could request the re-appointment applicant have an interview or the re-appointment applicant could request it particularly if there are multiple applicants.

There was brief discussion of how the SB would consider BCC needs when appointing new BCC members.

There was consensus that draft procedures and guidelines would be sent to BCC chairs for review by members before draft goes to the SB.

Last item of discussion was the revised directives for this committee that were recently approved by the SB. It is apparent that some of the items on the list are the same thing (ie the appointment/application process is listed 3 different ways). There was also discussion about what is meant by the ethics policy. Should it be short and simple? Is a code of conduct a more appropriate goal for this committee? Will it include lines to be crossed and what will they be? Who will be the judge? How will it be enforced?

Next meeting: January 13, 2016, 5 to 7 PM. Topics may include guidelines review, applicability, qualifications, and required advertising.

Adjourned: 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Rob Peale, Secretary