

Readfield Appointments Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

January 20, 2016

Members Present: Clif Buuck, Robin Lint, Rob Peale, Henry Whittemore.

Members Excused Absent: Val Pomerleau

Members Unexcused Absent: Tom Dunham

Present and Participating: None

Guests Present: None

Meeting was called to order at 5:39 PM.

Discussion:

Minutes for 1/13/16: Two minor edits for clarity. Moved to accept as amended by Robin, seconded by Henry. Approved unanimously.

Posting Policy: Robin reported what she had researched regarding the policy. Currently the only posting policy is part of the Select Board's (hereinafter SB) rules and applies only to the SB. The consensus is to leave the agenda posting policy as it is in our consensus draft Guidelines (ie each BCC chair will send agendas to the Town Clerk for posting).

The remainder of the meeting was taken up by making changes to the Application Procedures document and the Guidelines document so they could be sent to the BCCs for their review and amendment prior to asking the public to review them. Many changes were made to correct wording, clarify procedures, and simplify the documents. Thank-you to Robin who did the most thorough job of suggesting changes. No major changes were made in the intent or basic procedures of the document. Henry moved and Val seconded that the Application Procedures and the Guidelines should be separate documents since their uses are completely different. The motion was approved unanimously The Guidelines may become part of the Responsibilities document for each BCC.

We discussed whether the oath of office should be appended to the Application Procedures document. This led to our noticing some grammatical and punctuation errors which apparently we have all been ignoring for years. We also considered whether the wording "so help me God" might discourage some people from applying for BCC membership. Robin replied that she lets people drop the references to God if they are uncomfortable with them. No decisions were made on changing the official oath.

Next meeting: February 3, 2016, 5 to 7 PM. Agenda will include:

Complete review of application procedures and guidelines to be forwarded for review by BCC members;

Outline specifically what our committee's deliverables are and the process for delivering them; and,

Term limits (assuming all members are present).

Adjourned: 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Rob Peale, Secretary