TOWN OF CONCORD
SELECT BOARD
AGENDA
November 9, 2020
4:00PM
VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL

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1. Call to Order
2. Consent Agenda
   - Town Accountant Warrants – November 5, 2020
3. Town Manager’s Report
4. Chair’s Remarks
5. Election Follow-up
6. Review Library Committee Administrative Code
7. Minuteman Technical Regional High School Playing Field Project and Assessment
8. Delegation of Signature Authority for Housing Administrative Matters
9. Committee Volunteer Subcommittee Update
10. Committee Nominations: Susan O’Shea-Folgar of 72 Shore Drive, and Jeff Parker of 315 Plainfield Road to the White Pond Advisory Committee for a term to expire on April 30, 2023.
11. Committee Appointments: Adrienne Boardman of 110 Hillcrest Road to the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee for a term to expire on April 30, 2023.
12. Committee Reappointments: James Burns of 1515 Main Street to the Concord Housing Development Corporation for a term to expire on April 30, 2023.
13. Committee Liaison Reports
14. Miscellaneous Correspondence
15. Public Comments
16. Adjourn
A. **Membership**

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B. **Duties and Responsibilities**

1. Provide policy guidance to the Library Director relative to the provision of library services for the community. Make recommendations concerning the hours of operation for the libraries and concerning general operations.

2. Provide recommendations to the Town Manager concerning the general operation of the libraries, consistent with applicable law and regulations. Review on-going operations regularly and suggest improvements in operations to more efficiently utilize resources or improve service to patrons.

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5. Establish policies concerning acquisition, circulation, retention and preservation of library materials. Establish a schedule of fines and fees relative to library services, to be reviewed from time to time. Recommend methods of using new technologies to improve service and enhance operations.

6. Assist the Library Director with any special studies relating to library services as needed.

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C. Relationship with Library Staff

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ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
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Committee Volunteer Policy Outline (Draft)

Policy scope: The points below focus on Select Board nominated boards and committees, but the process steps could apply to town manager and town moderator appointed ones as well, with some role/responsibility adjustments.

Policy objective: Fully staff town boards and committees with qualified members that represent the community

The responsible party proposed for each task (or group of tasks) is listed in brackets.

1) Develop candidate pool
   a. Educate citizens about opportunities and benefits of serving
      i. Recruitment microsite
         1. Recruitment video(s) [Minuteman Media Network]
         2. Current vacancies [administrative staff]
         3. Link to online green card [administrative staff]
      ii. Committee “fair” or other town events [Select Board, with Town Manager support]
      iii. Regular Select Board agenda item listing current unexpired term / long term openings [administrative staff]
   b. Solicit green card submissions
      i. Annual Town Meeting/Special Town Meetings – announced during the meeting and highlighted in Town Meeting materials [town moderator]
      ii. Social media outreach [communications director]
      iii. Targeted communications when specific openings and/or skills needed [board/committee chair supported by town staff]
      iv. At the beginning of committee meetings where there are current openings [board/committee chair]
   c. Acknowledge green card submissions [administrative staff]

2) Manage reappointments
   a. Confirm interest [board/committee chair]
   b. Confirm eligibility
      i. Term available for reappointments [administrative staff]
      ii. Still a resident [administrative staff]
   c. Handle exceptions (reappointment for an additional term) [Select Board]
      i. Longstanding opening
      ii. Special skills

3) Identify vacancies
   a. Regular (committee member’s term ends) [administrative staff]
   b. Unexpired terms (committee member resigns) [Select Board liaison]

4) Identify candidates
   a. Select from green card pool [administrative staff]
      i. Determine eligibility
ii. Review cards that identify other committee preferences as necessary
   [committee chair/Select Board liaison - how could this be facilitated?]
iii. Confirm continued interest
iv. Route card to committee chair and Select Board liaison

b. Recruit from the public
   i. Advertise current openings [administrative staff]
   ii. Reach out to personal contacts [board and committee members]
   iii. Direct interested parties to online green card system [all]
c. Invite candidate to attend one or more meetings [committee chair]

Milestone: Green card is in place for all members, except for staff serving in official roles

5) Interview candidates (if needed) [committee chair and other committee members as needed; Select Board liaison; Town staff (if applicable)]
   a. Introduce candidate at committee meeting (optional)

6) Select candidates
   a. Confer on nominations [committee chair, Select Board liaison, town staff, or subcommittee formed for selection]
      i. Evaluate qualifications, taking range of desired committee member skills and diverse representation of citizens into account
      ii. Contact selected candidates to confirm availability
   b. Notify any non-selected candidates and encourage them to consider another committee [committee chair or Select Board liaison]
   c. Notify Select Board Chair and town staff to place nomination on Select Board agenda [Select Board liaison]

7) Appoint members
   a. Nominate members (initial Select Board meeting) [Select Board]
   b. Appoint members (second Select Board meeting) [Select Board]

8) Orient members
   a. Send committee handbook [administrative staff]
   b. Governance (open meeting law, public records and ethics) training [town clerk]
   c. Meet with new member to discuss committee charge/regulatory authority and meeting procedures [committee chair/town staff]

9) Develop committee member skills and ensure governance compliance
   a. Remind members of requirement to re-take online ethics training biannually [town clerk]
   b. Track compliance with ethics training requirements; follow up when needed to ensure compliance [administrative staff]
   c. Notify members of domain-specific training/enrichment opportunities (Massachusetts Municipal Association, Citizen Planner Training Collaborative, ...) and pay for sessions as needed [town staff associated with the board/committee]

10) Recognize members’ contributions
    a. Annual appreciation event [Select Board]
    b. Chairs’ breakfast recognition [Select Board/committee chairs]
    c. Member “swag” [?]
d. Recognition awards / certificates

11) Maintain member data [administrative staff]
   a. Update committee/board roster on town website with roles and term expiration dates
   b. Update green card database to reflect committee assignments
   c. Enter any physical green card submissions into online database
   d. Periodically (semiannually?) review green card entries
      i. Contact candidates whose submissions are expired (more than 3 years old) to confirm
      ii. Purge entries that are no longer valid
      iii. Send a list of interested volunteers to each committee chair