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Select Board Special Session
Monday, December 12, 2022
Livermore Falls Town Office
6:00 PM

BOARD: Jim Long, Ernie Souther, Will Kenniston, Bruce Perry, James Cyr

DEPARTMENT HEADS/EMPLOYEES: Alex Pawson

RESIDENTS/PUBLIC: (see sign in sheet)

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order JL at 6:00pm

2. Old Business

Select Board Bylaws & Ethics Statement

JL explains changes: add “Vice Chair” in Section 2; add “Chair or Vice Chair will appoint” so that any board member can serve on other committees and boards as Select Board Representative; re-ordering and specifying agenda; agenda adds “Public Comment” permanently; specifies when in the order that the “Executive Sessions” take place. JL asks if any board members have any questions or comments about the changes.

ES said that items #4 (New Business) and #5 (Old Business) should be swapped so that Old Business is handled before New Business. JC asks for clarification on “if time permits” in the Public Comment section. JL clarifies that it is at the discretion of the board. He states that if a meeting is running long that public comment will be limited. ES adds that if there are many agenda items that public comment could be limited, and that it would be case-by-case. JL states that Section 5 deleted all language pertaining to “associate members of the board” since they do not exist in the town’s system.

JL says that Section 8 has been changed to “all bylaws” instead of individual bylaws. BP says that Section 5 sounds too broad and worries that a single missed meeting would disqualify a board member from voting on an issue. ES and JL clarify that if the board member has attended a sufficient number of the meetings/hearings and is knowledgeable about the item to be voted upon that they would not be disqualified outright from the vote. ES motions to present the revised statement at the December 20th meeting. Second by JL. Vote 5-0.

JC asks about the timeline from public hearing to approval to enforcement. JL asks AP to clarify. AP states that his interpretation is that the new bylaws would take effect in the meeting after their approval. In this case, if approved at the December 20th meeting, they would take full effect beginning at the January 3rd meeting. AP further states that a temporary amendment to the bylaws can still be as added by a board member per existing bylaw statute.

Code of Ethical Conduct

JL explains that this new document is a merged version of the existing Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct. JL says he has no issues with the document as it is written. ES says no public approval is needed for this document

to get enacted. JC, WK, and BP say they have no issue with the document as it is written. ES motion to accept. Second by BP. Vote 5-0.

3. Adjournment

ES motioned to adjourn, Second by JL. Vote 5-0.

