

Governance Committee Meeting

November 12, 2020

Members Present: Leah Basbanes, Jim Dow, Bob Nelson, Mike Martin, Leo Tomatich, Susan Psaledakis

Also Attending: Kevin Paicos

Meeting called to order by Leah Basbanes, Chair at 6:33 pm

Brief discussion about a DPW and that while most think it is the right way to go, the voice of opposition is strong and the board wants to stay unified; agreed that the TA should have power to appoint and fire but should add clause that there would be consult with department.

Continued to go thru the changes that were made at the last meeting and reviewed the differences between elected and appointed boards. Typically elected boards have ability to make policy. Reason to consider making several boards be appointed because many don't want to campaign and limits the pool of candidates. Currently there are approx.. 10 elected boards which a lot for a small town. This is decentralized government. Appointed boards allow for a better screening of qualified people. Policy changes by appointed boards would be presented to the Select Board for them to make decision.

Discussion turned to Article 6 for the budget process and timing of it. Need to make sure that it is compliance with the bylaw. Also need to check on the Capital Improvements Program section 6.7

Planned to focus on Article 7 next meeting which will be Dec 3 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Adjourned at 8:30 pm.