

June 29, 2020

In advance of this evening's Appointments Committee Meeting, I thought it may be helpful to have some areas for consideration that may be helpful to your discussion.

Items for consideration this evening at the Appointments Committee Meeting:

1. How many people do you think should comprise the committee? The standard size is seven members, but there was some discussion on the size and thinking there should be more. Would you like to have it as a nine-member committee?
 - a. If an ad hoc, would membership be for a defined term, say 12-24 months?
 - b. If the recommendation is as a standing committee, what format for terms are you thinking? Staggered three year terms?
2. What would you like the composition of the committee to be?
 - a. By that I am asking are you thinking this could be a joint appointment between the Town Council and the School Board? For example, have five appointed by the Town Council and four appointed by the School Board?
 - b. Is there a desire to have one Council member and one School Board member?
 - c. Is the desire that this be a straight appointment by the Council after recommendation from the committee, and have either seven or nine members based solely on volunteers?
 - d. In speaking with our attorney, it is also illegal to appoint based on race, creed, gender, or religion.
3. What will the charge for the committee be?
 - a. Are there general concepts that you would like the committee to explore?
 - b. An example of a charge could be "advocates for racial and cultural diversity within the community by promoting inclusion and diversity, awareness of racial bias, and increased opportunities for transportation and housing."
4. What will the duties of the committee be? How would you like the committee to be able to actualize their charge?
 - a. For example, the Community Services Committee's duties are stated as "Duties are to perform regular outreach efforts to assess satisfaction with current programming and identify unmet needs; and, to advise the Community Services Director on issues of interest that relate to the programming offered by the Community Services Department."
5. What will the name of the Committee be?

Hope this is helpful information for you.

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