

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES  
December 20, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Room B

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Toni Moran, Chair of the Committee.  
Present: Toni Moran, Bill Ryan, Meredith Lindsey

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ric Hossack asked the Committee to look at and correct the terms of office for the Board of Ethics in accordance with a letter Betty Wassmundt sent to Committee members. Mr. Hossack volunteered to serve on the Ethics Board.

Mike Sikoski asked to be reappointed to the Ethics Board.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion passed.

4. ETHICS BOARD TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

Chair Toni Moran commented the goal is to structurally correct the terms of appointment of the Ethics Board by looking at the historical record and the intent of the previous Committee on Committees. Town Attorney Dennis O'Brien and Committee members discussed the lack of consistency in appointments over the years, the fact the Board was dormant for a number of years, and the need to bring the appointments in line with the original intent of the enabling legislation. The Committee agreed to use historical logic to reflect the intent of the ordinance by bringing the terms from the 1996 start date to the present. (Timeline attached) Members also noted that the code provides that members continue to serve until they are reappointed or replaced.

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded that the Board of Ethics proper reappointment dates, as attached, are in accordance with the original intent of Chapter 25-5 of the Mansfield Code adopted by the Council on 6/26/1995. The Board of Ethic members will be notified of the changes prior to presentation to the full Council.

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5. REVIEW OF COMMITTEE FOLLOW UPS

The Town Clerk will send out an email to those who staff committees asking them to review the list of Boards and Commissions regarding the current chair, the accuracy of the list, the accuracy of the charge, known vacancies, suggestions for new volunteers, and any reappointments that should be made. The Committee asked that staff reply by February 1, 2011.

Ms. Lindsey will call Gene Nesbitt regarding the vacancy on the Four Corners Water and Sewer Advisory Committee and Carol Pellegrine regarding the Ethics Board or the Town/University Relations Committee.

The Town Clerk will also post a list of openings on the Town's face book page.

6. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

No appointments made.

8. PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE DRAFT CHARGE

Members agreed to invite the Parks Advisory Committee to the January meeting to discuss the draft charge. Members questioned whether a community member who is a park user should be included in the membership and whether a review of the budget is appropriate given our form of government. The draft will also be forwarded to the Town Manager for review.

9. HUMAN SERVICES' ADVISORY COMMITTEE DRAFT CHARGE

The draft for the proposed Human Services' Advisory Committee as offered by Town Manager Matt Hart was discussed and accepted with two changes. The Committee will have monthly scheduled meetings and a resident affiliated with WAIM will take the place of one of the three "at large" members. The motion to recommend the amended charge to the Council as a whole was made by Ms. Lindsey and seconded by Ms. Moran. The motion passed with Ms. Lindsey and Ms. Moran in favor and Mr. Ryan opposed. Mr. Ryan stated that he believes an additional oversight Committee is not needed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Moran seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk