

## **EXHIBIT 1: Amended Policy Regarding the Process for the Appointment of Citizen Volunteers to the Town's Boards and Commission**

The general guidelines for conducting interviews and making appointments which Town Council as used in the past includes the following:

- 1) Interviews for all vacancies have been conducted on a single evening beginning at 5 PM. This allows citizens applying for multiple openings to participate in interviews for each one. The scheduling of these appointments is coordinated by the ~~Town Clerk's~~ Town Manager's office.
- 2) Copies of all applications for all Commissions will be distributed electronically to each Town Council member. -The applications are not posted on the website as part of the packet, but should they be requested, they are subject to the Open Records law (redacting personal identifying information).
- 3) Applicants are interviewed by a panel of three people including:
  - The primary Council liaison to the Commission, or where no liaison is assigned, a Town Council member ~~member~~ designated to act as a liaison to the Commission for the purpose of interviewing applicants. A Town Council member is not required to attend the interview for a candidate to be recommended for appointment. In the past the Town Clerk was given the discretion to make these assignments on an as needed basis. If Council would prefer to make these assignments, please advise.
  - The Chair~~man~~ of the Commission, or if unavailable, the Vice Chair or a person designated by the Chair~~man~~ for the purpose of interviewing applicants. If the Chair~~man~~ of the Commission is applying for reappointment, an alternate representative must be designated. (Staff liaisons will contact their Commission to inform him/her of this process)
  - The Staff liaison to the Commission. The primary function of the staff liaison will be to advise the applicant on technical issues related to the functions of the Commission. The staff liaison will not make recommendations regarding appointments.
- 4) All interviews are conducted at Town Hall. If an applicant is unable to attend an interview on the designated evening, it is left to the discretion of the interview panel to determine an alternate time for an interview if desired. The ~~Town Clerk~~ Executive Assistant schedules interviews approximately 15 minutes apart. Applicants will report to the Town Hall Atrium and will be directed to the appropriate room for interviews. The interview panel should interview all applicants for a Commission, including incumbents, and including those who indicated that a certain Commission was their second or third choice.

- 5) In prior years, the issue as to whether the interviews were open to the public was raised. The Town Attorney's office advises there is no legal requirement to have these interviews be open; however the final determination on this issue is at the discretion of Council. If a member of the public wishes to observe the interviews for any Board or Commission, and the interview panel has deemed this acceptable, it should be made clear that the role is of an observer, not a participant. At such time as the panel begins discussing its recommendations, the observer should be excused from the room.
- 6) Prior Councils directed that no citizen should be appointed to more than ONE commission. Those citizens who are already serving on a commission, and selected for appointment to different commission, will be offered the option of which Commission to serve on. Appointment to one Commission may be made contingent on resignation from another Commission.
- 7) Once all interviews are completed, recommendations for appointment will be submitted to the ~~Town Clerk~~ Town Manager's office. The ~~Clerk~~ Executive Assistant will work with staff liaisons to determine if there are citizens recommended for appointment to more than one commission, and to work through any issues related to the applicant's preferences and the needs of the Town.
- 8) The names of the recommended applicants will be circulated among Town Council members. Historically, the recommendation of the interview panel has been accepted. The ~~Clerk~~ Executive Assistant will then prepare a list of all recommendations for appointment at the next Council meeting. Each Town Council member is requested to advise the ~~Clerk~~ Executive Assistant if there are any concerns regarding a specific recommendation so that the ~~Clerk~~ Executive Assistant can schedule that appointment for further discussion at the next Council Meeting.
- 9) There is NO requirement to appoint everyone who applied for a certain Commission, even if the number of applicants was less than or equal to the number of vacancies.
- 10) Applicants not chosen during the annual recruitment may be considered for interim positions as they become available during the year.