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Minutes of Governance Committee Meeting

September 16, 2024

Committee members present:

Dan Webster, Beverly Crofoot, Elaine Moss, Jeffrey Wilt

1. Vicki Webster Land Swap – Vicky Webster and Vern Rainville described the land swap involving approximately 7-8 feet of Oak Street being acquired to make Vicky’s property conforming and, in return, she would deed the same amount to land on the opposite side of the property along Sea Street (paper street in this location). After a discussion describing the legal process involving securing a survey and preparing release deeds, to be prepared at Ms. Webster’s expense, the committee discussed the condition of the property the village would acquire through the swap. It was determined that the acquired land did not pose any additional maintenance or liability issues, e.g., trees that would require attention. After securing Ms. Webster’s assurance that her survey would mark the land deeded to the Village with permanent survey stakes and that she would discontinue all use of that land if the swap is approved, the Governance committee voted, Beverly Crofoot moved, Dan Webster Second, passed by unanimous vote, to recommend that land swap be allowed to move forward on the conditions described above.

2. Land Acknowledgement Policy – A village resident had requested the Overseers consider adopting a Land Acknowledgement Policy. After discussion, the committee determined that no action should be taken and will not make a recommendation to the Overseers to adopt a Land Acknowledgement Policy

3. Pet-Friendly Workplace - Public Buildings policy – The Committee was asked to consider and prepare a policy for employees bringing pets to Village Public Buildings. Various considerations were discussed including the need to maintain vaccination records for any pets, conditions of allowing pets, etc. The Committee determined it would propose a Pet-Friendly Workplace policy. Elaine Moss agreed to prepare a draft