
10-14 meeting

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I needed a day or two to compose my thoughts after what felt like a poorly structured appointment process meeting.

(And it is not lost in this message that as SB members you are called on to contribute far more of your personal lives to the process than any of us!)

As others have pointed out, first and foremost the citizens involved are volunteers, trying to assist in the complex details of Town operation and policies. Having a 3+hr meeting to interview candidates individually is ineffective and sadly disrespectful to the people volunteering.

Secondly, how could the SB not have been prepared to announce at the outset how the two by-law articles were going to be applied? I understand you had to wait for the AG to stamp it, but we knew it was coming. People like Mr Baker or Anne K (sp) should have known going in what they were faced with.

Thirdly, and this may be a personal quirk but I found the question of putting aside personal opinion redundant. I feel that if I am willing to take a 'oath' and swear to take this position, concerns about personal interests are immediately set aside.

At the very least, if the SB decides this interview process should be ongoing, please consider a format change that perhaps caps the number of interviews per meeting rather than try to climb the mountain all at once.

Thanks for what you do for Fairhaven

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