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Notes of Governance Committee Meeting

The Governance Committee met on Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Judy Metcalf, Elaine Moss, Dan Webster, Jeffrey Wilt (until connection went out for Jeffrey)

Discussion:

Item 2 on Agenda: Review Changes to Maine State Laws on mandatory Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) to ensure that NVC Zoning Ordinance and Utilities Connections Requirements are consistent with law

The committee reviewed the 2023 changes to the state's ADU law. The zoning ordinance was drafted and considered in 2022 in the context of this law and no revisions to that ordinance are necessary. Committee confirmed that given that the law in 2022 and the revised law both confirm that no ADU mandate can be imposed if there is insufficient water and sewer connection capacity, so we do not recommend any need for change to the Zoning Ordinance.

Item 1 on Agenda: Review Finance Committee's Recommended Donations Policy

The Committee did a line-by-line review of the substantial and comprehensive Policy for Acceptance of Donations drafted by the Finance Committee. Redlined recommendations will be submitted to the Finance Committee for consideration. Judy Metcalf will also review with Fred Lincoln (Finance Committee Chair) the recommended changes. The goal is for both committees to jointly recommend to the overseers the final policy for adoption on August 13.

Item 3 on Agenda: Commence draft of maintenance and care agreement between Kazilionis family and Village in conjunction with proposed gift of garden

The Committee reviewed the motion approved by the Overseers to accept the garden proposal with conditions. Committee will work on drafts and confer with Finance Committee. Goal to have a draft ready for final review at next Governance Committee meeting on August 6.

Other Business: The committee discussed the ongoing need for better enforcement of public use of village land (e.g., in conformance with the NVC Policy for Preservation of Public Land), including private landscaping and building improvements installed in the public right-of-way and benches placed on public property without overseer permission.

**NEXT meeting: Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom.
Adjourned at 9:30.**