

Task Force for the Protection of Town Volunteers and Officials  
Special Meeting Minutes  
April 1, 2024  
Easton Town Hall, 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Nicholas D'Addario at 7:05PM.

Members Present: Nicholas D'Addario      Paul Lindoerfer  
                         Maureen Williams      Darin Bershefsky  
                         Gerry O'Brien

Paul Lindoerfer moved a motion to approve the Minutes of the last Meeting as written. Motion was seconded by Maureen Williams and was carried unanimously.

Nicholas D'Addario brought to the Task Force's attention the prior existence of Guidelines for Public Participation in Board of Selectmen Meetings. All present agreed that it should be included in our Recommendations somewhere. Possible insert to Appendix B 1)e.

Next order of business is to review all Recommendations as presented.

#1 Question posed by Darin Bershefsky about including the word volunteers into the text.

#2 Discussion of whose responsibility is the "Welcome to Public Service:" pamphlet? Is it exclusively the Town Clerk? Or is it also a BOS or an HR responsibility? Decided that was to be determined.

#3 Good as written.

#4 Good as written.

#5 Good as written.

#6 This Recommendation deals with the Insurance Protection offered to Employees, Board and Commission members. Paul Lindoerfer had question regarding protection against Identity Theft. Further research may be required here.

#7 May be moved to #3 to group with other BOS points.

#8 The wording for Recommendation #8 may be lengthened to include the idea that the Ethics Ordinance may need to be updated to include any and all changes these Recommendations may effect in the Ordinance.

Further discussion centered on a Recommendation regarding the necessity of a Public Awareness Campaign to support what this Task Force has been set up to start. And that is to keep Civility in Governance at the forefront of all that we do in Town Hall and on our Boards and Commissions.

A motion was made to adjourn the Meeting at 8:04pm by Maureen Williams and seconded by Gerry O'Brien. Motion carried unanimously and Nicholas D'addario adjourned the Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gerry O'Brien/Secretary

