

University Park Town Council Committee on Policy, Rules & Municipal Structure

Thursday June 4, 2020; 7-8:30pm
Zoom (Online meeting)

Minutes

Attendees: Councilmember Linda Verrill (chair), council- and committee members Joe Schultz and Roland Stephen; Council- and committee member Laurie Morrissey, absent (excused); David Deutsch (UP Town Administrator)[from 7:00 to 7:40].

Before discussing business, the committee met with new part-time town administrator, David Deutsch, to learn about how the position is shaping up, his experiences in it and his current thoughts about town administrative functions. The committee invited him to return for the same discussion in late summer.

1. Status update on Municipal Authority Legislation

The committee chair presented the committee's viewpoint on the need for such legislation at the 6-1-20 Council Meeting. At that meeting, the Council recommended that the town attorney draft legislation which will be delivered to the PRMSC for review before sending to council.

2. Status update on "Action Items" tracking

The town administrator reported at the 6-1-20 council meeting that he is drafting a simple method for keeping track of discussions and promised action on items that have come before the council. He will share the method with the council very soon.

3. Review draft one-pager on gas-powered leaf blowers

Reviewed the draft backgrounder on why gas-powered leaf blowers are bad for the health of individuals and the environment. Discussion on what more needs to be added to the memo. The committee will continue to work on developing the draft.

4. Other business

- a. The committee chair briefly mentioned the request by a town resident for an explanation for why above ground pools are not allowed in UP.
- b. The committee briefly discussed the town code on fence heights and the seeming misuse of the variance process for getting around the code. The committee agrees

to put the item on the agenda for the next meeting and discuss ways to move forward at that time.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm