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Town of Ayer Personnel Board Meeting Minutes November 2, 2016

Town Hall – Selectmens' Meeting Room In attendance: Sam Goodwin, Chairman; Lisa White, Member; Ron DeFilippo, Clerk; Kevin Johnston, Town of Ayer Benefits & Payroll Manager

Call to order 7:05 PM

Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes for September 14, 2016 and October 5, 2016 were approved .

Chairman suggested that Personnel Manual (PM) be reorganized with a Section A covering Policy, a Section B covering Procedure and a Section C covering Best Practices.

Mr. Johnston summarized the way forward on the PM as follows: Timeline for completion now extends into July 2017. Personnel Board's (PB) task will be concentrated on forging Policies while Procedures will be worked out by the Staff and reviewed by the PB.

Mr. Johnston provided an annotated 2011 version of the PM with a crosswalk to the new draft PM a copy of which he also provided with additional annotations referencing the 2011 PM.

There was general discussion about fundamental areas of revision and a discussion on "dead end" jobs and ways to provide incentives where promotions are not an option. There was also discussion about appeals processes.

The Chairman offered to extract Policies from the draft PM as part of the reorganization of the PM discussed earlier in the meeting. Proposed that Definitions be included in Policies.

This was Lisa White's final PB meeting. She was moving out of State to take care of family members. She had been a faithful member of the PB since its inception. Appreciation and good wishes were expressed by all present.

Next meeting scheduled for December 7, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

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