Outlook

Re: Black Mountain Library Board Questions ? - seeking information

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Hi Wesley,

It would be great to add two members to the Library Board! My responses are below.

1. Is there a copy of the current by-laws you could send me?
   I'm not certain about by-laws, but the current Board drafted a charter in 2022. A signed copy of this document should be available in the files, and I've attached the final draft for your reference.

2. To fill vacancies and/or term expirations, has the Town Council historically made those "official" appointments? And any interested persons would apply to serve on the board? Do they consult with you, or should this be an application we add to the Town's advisory board-related application?
Historically, the Board has recruited potential members through word of mouth. Once the Board approves a member, their appointment is then formally presented to Town Council and approved by the Town Council during a public meeting.

3. Do they consult with you, or should this be an application we add to the Town's advisory board-related application?
I'm happy to talk with anyone interested in joining the Board about its responsibilities and what it means to be a member. However, with Ron Sneed's retirement, we now need a Town representative on the Board. Historically, Ron served as the secretary and filed the minutes with the Town. Additionally, we are in urgent need of a Chair to act as a liaison between the Board and the Town. It would be very beneficial to establish a more formal application process for all Board positions, complete with term limits.

4**.** If someone wants to view previous minutes, who is the best contact?
We have hard copies of the minutes up until 2022 at the Library. I can compile all of the digital copies and email them to you if that would be helpful. I can bring the physical file box of minutes to the Town if that's more convenient. (It makes sense that the Town has these records, don't you agree?)

5. Do we need to discuss adding the Black Mountain Library Board information to the Town's website and assisting with recruitment, etc.?
Yes, I think that's a great idea! It would be helpful to have more visibility. I can also involve Jason Hyatt, the Library Director, in this discussion to further explore how we can proceed.

Keep me posted about the newsletter, we're happy to distribute copies!

Take care,