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To the Warner Select Board:

The following are proposed amendments to the Warner Select Board Rules of Procedure.

After speaking with a number of Warner citizens about town government, a consistent theme emerged of hoping for Accountability, Respect, Integrity, and Cooperation. These hopes are for the present and the future.

In discussions that followed, a question was asked; what was needed to promote these hopes? A step towards meeting these hopes is to have clearly documented processes and procedures. This led to a review of the Warner Select Board Rules of Procedures.

A review of other town's Rules of Procedures found similar sections as Warner's but with detail that provides clarity for both the Select Board and the public. The detail and clarity were then incorporated into Warner's Rules of Procedures resulting in the proposed amendments. All the proposed amendments come from or were adapted from other towns' Rules of Procedures.

These include:

- Defining the different types of Select Board meetings;
- Setting clear guidelines for Public Comment to maintain order during meetings;
- A standard procedure and timing for creating the Select Board meeting agenda;
- A standard procedure for requesting legal opinions from Town Counsel;
- How to handle nominations, appointments, and reappointments to committees;
- Dealing with resignations and removing members from committees;
- Defining Select Board conflicts of interest;
- Guidelines for accepting donations and gifts;
- And finally, requiring the town audit results and findings to be presented by the Select Board and posted on the town website

The hope of many Warner citizens is a town government that is accountable, shows respect, has integrity, and cooperates. If these are met, there is trust, trust in our government and trust in each other.

Thank you.