

13. **Member Direction to the Board - Johnson**

Johnson:

It is now time for members to give direction to the new Board. Could all elected Officers and Directors come forward? You may wish to propose action under our support positions or to help in establishing our priorities for the coming year, or to clarify something about a new study.

We need to rely on folks – Interested in office in the future. Great way to find out how the govt works. Getting young people involved.

Allison Leary – suggestion to be aware of housing projects coming up. Some are contentious decision to be made. Our housing and climate goals. Northland project and River side and project in Nonantum.

Andrea Downs- a role that is most important the league can do, since our local newspaper is not effective is to be part of the observer core. Observer core notes are needed to have somebody at the meeting. Not just talking to those in office. Notes can be made public. Need to get individuals trained and attended subcommittee meeting – observer core.

Alicia Bowman- following Allison’s comment what is happening with housing. Bold action on transportation – road’s on Washington street need to be part of Safe street – help communication to the citizens.

Allison Kelley – She is for printing the handbook. Regarding housing and development, West Newton armory – ear marked for 100 % affordable housing. Need to be aware of this project.

Bryan Barash-echoed on housing and Transparency of city govt –With the loss of coverage from the local news to cover the local govt –the citizens need a better understanding of who is lobbying our govt.

Marcia Johnson- with former alderman Amy Sangiolo – and Marcia – when items are put on the agenda it should be date and stamped. Also when statements are put on the record – it just says councilor – it is all blinded right now. It needs to be transparent at all levels.

Josephine discussion need for reaching out to finding a vehicle to get new people who move into the city to get them involved and engaged. Something unique about newton is it’s volunteer community. We need to bring the young people in – find a way engage new people. If the league can do something in this venue. I am putting myself out there. Need to see diversity. Racial and ethnic and economic diversity.

Marilyn Petio part of the Governor's Council proud to be a member – never talked at the meeting –Wanted to thank you to Sue – watch-dog for Newton govt – she bring transparency – proud to be a member of the League