

Questions

1. You serve on a 5-member board of library trustees. Your town has had difficulty finding volunteers to serve on its boards, so a number of people serve on multiple boards. As a result of the recent town elections, three members of your board are now also members of the town's zoning board of adjustment.

Questions:

- a) Is there anything unlawful about these overlapping memberships?
- b) Assuming there is nothing unlawful, must the board of library trustees post notice of a meeting every time the ZBA meets, and keep a separate set of minutes of the meeting?
- c) Is the answer different if the ZBA holds its meetings in the library?

2. There is a vacancy on your board of library trustees. Under RSA 202-A:10, the board may recommend to the selectmen the name of someone to fill the vacancy. Two people have applied, and the board is going to vote tonight on which one to recommend.

Questions:

- a) Should the board discuss the two candidates in non-public session?
- b) Does it make a difference that one of the candidates is a real jerk, and you have some scathing criticisms you would like to offer based on comments he has made to the board and his behavior at town meetings?

3. Your library director has been nominated by the president (yes, of the United States) to be the next Librarian of Congress. At first your board is thrilled by this incredible honor, but soon rumors start to swirl about his (the library director's) multiple affairs, hush money paid to prostitutes, and shadowy connections to Russian oligarchs. All of this comes as a shock. although it does start to explain why the library has an entire section devoted to Pushkin and Dostoyevsky.

Predictably, the story has gained national attention. As chairman of the board of trustees, you receive an e-mail from a reporter at the *Los Angeles Times* asking, "under your state's freedom of information act," for copies of all letters, e-mails, and other correspondence sent or received by the library director during his tenure, which has been about five years. The reporter gives you her e-mail address and asks that you forward the records "as soon as possible."

Question: What should you do?