

Town of Windham Ethics Commission Special Meeting

Windham High School Media Center, High ST, Willimantic, CT 06226

Feb. 16th, 2011

Call to Order at 7:36PM.

Citizens and Delegations

None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of meeting on 5/13/2010 were amended to correct the spelling of Mr. Steven Edelman. Minutes approved as corrected.

Minutes of meeting on 6/10/10 were approved.

Minutes of meeting on 2/3/11 were approved.

Election of Officers

Chair- Doug Lary

Vice-Chair- John McCommas

Secretary- Kessenia Gagnon

Old Business

There was discussion of the MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) handed to the Commission by Don Muirhead at the last meeting. Kessenia Gagnon spoke of it not being within the scope of the Ethics Commission. John McCommas stated that it is

probably the best the Commission will get. Doug Lary questioned why the paid employees of the Town should have different standards than volunteers.

Continued Discussion

It was noted that there are six changes to the Ordinance that Town Manager Neal Beets is proposing. That is in addition to the text excluding the union and non-union employees of the Town. It appears as if management and some employees seek to have all employees be out of scope of the Ethics Ordinance. It was agreed upon by the members to hold a special meeting solely to discuss, and perhaps finalize, an amended ordinance that could be ready for review for Town Council Members.

Discussion, possible action of Complaint received by Town Clerk 1/19/11

The Commission decided not to hear this complaint. Proper procedure was not followed regarding the filing of the complaint. This complaint came to the Commission with neither a signature nor an address. The complaint was dismissed without prejudice.

New Business

Doug Lary spoke with Mayor Eldridge regarding applicants for our Commission. Mayor Eldridge spoke in general terms of a lack of applicants for all commissions.

Citizens/Delegations

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kessenia Gagnon

Secretary