

Ethics Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Windham High School Media Center
Thursday, July 14th, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM.

Citizens/delegations

Charlie Kratt, Monticello St., addressed the board and asked why is there a new ordinance being written? It was his understanding that there was an ordinance passed in Oct., 2009, by the Board of Selectmen. He questioned whether this current proposed ordinance will be presented to the people. Mr. Kratt asked if the commission has heard of a "town cash policy", or something to that effect. It had something to do with the UBS investigation.

Review/approval of minutes of meeting 06/09/2011

It was voted that the approval of the June 9th, 2011 meeting will be postponed until the next regular meeting.

Discussion/possible action of complaint received.

The commission voted to hold a closed meeting. Before discussion of the pending complaint, there was a review of Town Atty. Rich Cody's legal opinion regarding quorums, possible conflicts of interest, etc. that was requested by the commission. The closed meeting went from 8:19 until 8:33PM. The meeting then was opened to the complainant. It was voted by the commission members to suspend the complaint due to a potential conflict of interest by a commission member, and as such, not being able to hold a quorum and hear the actual complaint. The meeting then was open to the public at 8:41PM.

There was no discussion taken with regard to the process of filing a complaint. Chair Lary spoke of being on the local media, and holding a discussion with news reporter Jesse Collins of WILL.

There was no discussion with regard to item #6 in the agenda.

Chair Lary will go to Mayor Ernie to plead our case for the need for new members to fill the two open seats, especially now that we have a complaint that we cannot hear. A new meeting date will be held for the August meeting, as one commissioner will be away on vacation, and once again, the commission will not be able to meet a quorum.

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Peter Quercia, 300 Walnut St., spoke of difficulties he is having with certain members of the BOE staff, and BOE members. He feels he is being harassed, and wants a forum to be heard.

Charlie Kratt, Monticello St., spoke of ethics as a sniff test. If it smells bad, you need to report it.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kessenia K. Gagnon, secretary