

Windham Ethics Commission Special Meeting Minutes  
Wed., May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 6:00PM, Windham Town Hall

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:06PM. Present were Doug Lary, Kessenia Gagnon, Henry Crane and Mike Sikoski.
2. Citizens and Delegations.  
Michael Roberson, of 168 Summit St, Willimantic, CT stated that he had come to the meeting to observe.
3. Introduction and Welcome  
This was an opportunity for the two newly appointed members of the Commission to introduce themselves, and speak of previous experience they have had with town service.
4. Review/Approval of minutes of meeting dated 12/08/2011  
There was discussion to amend the minutes to include the members present for the meeting. Doug Lary put forth a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Henry Crane seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 3-0, with Mike Sikoski abstaining.
5. Discussion/possible action  
A brief history of the writing of the new ordinance was discussed. The status of the ordinance was also discussed.  
Chair Lary spoke with Tom Hennick, of the FOI Department. Mr. Hennick stated that the commission members may discuss amongst ourselves to determine probable cause. He cited 1-82A of CGS in giving us that information.  
The confidentiality of the complainant must be maintained during the determination of probable cause determination. This part of the process, the determination of probable cause, is excluded from FOI. Newly appointed commissioner Mike Sikoski spoke of his concern that the ordinance allows for a majority of present members to rule. He suggested that if the commission were to continue making changes to the ever evolving ordinance, that we might consider making a ruling unanimous if only three commissioners were present. Kessenia Gagnon stated that she thought it is fine as written. She stated that all three members have a vote, and the one in a minority vote, should there be one, is able to write an opposing opinion.  
  
With regards to efforts to secure a fifth commissioner, Chair Lary spoke of being on public access TV, on the radio, in the newspaper, and speaking at various town forums. He is a tireless advocate for filling vacancies of all the town boards and commissions.
6. The suggestions for future agenda meeting items were solely to focus on review and possible changes to the revised code. The new members were urged to re-read the proposed code, and note any concerns they may have, or any changes they would like to bring for discussion.
7. There were no citizens/delegations.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kessenia K. Gagnon, Secretary