

ETHICS COMMISSION
TOWN OF WINDHAM

SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2014

Present: Mike Sikowski, Chairman; Joshua Eves; and John McGrath, acting secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Windham Town Hall, second floor break room. The meeting was immediately adjourned to the second floor conference room at the town hall.

The meeting reconvened at 7:03 in the conference room.

Citizens and Delegations: Bill Powers of Windham addressed the Commission concerning ethics issues in the schools. He questioned whether the town ethics ordinance applies to school employees, specifically employees of the Board of Education. He also questioned whether town employees were aware of the ethics ordinance and its requirements and whether they received a copy of the ordinance when they were hired. Mr. Powers presented the Commission members with copies of the Connecticut Code of Professional Responsibility for Teachers and for School Administrators. (These are found in the Regulations of the State of Connecticut, Section 10 -145d – 400b.)

Discussion: Commission members discussed the issues raised by Mr. Powers and agreed that Mr. Sikowski would draft a letter to the Town Manager and Personnel Officer to obtain the town's position on these matters. The motion was made by Josh Eves and seconded by John McGrath to authorize the chairman to send the letter.

Officers: A motion was made by John McGrath to table the election of officers until such time as additional members were added to the Commission. Mike Sikowski was unanimously confirmed as temporary chair and John McGrath as acting secretary until another vote is scheduled on the issue.

Future Meetings: The Commission agreed to meet monthly and scheduled the next meeting for September 11, 2014 in the Windham Town Hall second floor conference room at 7:00 p.m. At that meeting the Commission will establish a schedule of regular meeting dates for 2015.

Submitted by John McGrath, Acting Secretary

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