

MINUTES

ETHICS COMMISSION TOWN OF WINDHAM

REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015

Present: Mike Sikoski, Chairman; Robin Dixon-Rouse, Vice-Chairman, Joshua Eves; Peter Hughes; John McGrath, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Windham Town Hall, second floor conferenceroom.

The minutes of the February 12, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

Citizens and Delegations: Bill Powers of Windham addressed the Commission concerning several issues. He was of the opinion that the minutes of the February 12, 2015 meeting did not reflect his comments concerning the fact that there are committees and commissions in town which are not being informed of the existence of the Ethics Commission nor are they receiving copies of the Ethics ordinance as required. Mr. Powers further commented that the Ad Hoc committee established by the Board of Education to address the wells issues at the North Windham school and the Windham Center school had not been informed of the Ethics ordinance even though they are dealing with contractors and in his opinion should be made aware of the ethics rules.

No correspondence was received since the last meeting.

No new complaints were filed since the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Commission member Peter Hughes suggested that Mr. Powers should submit a formal, written complaint to the Ethics Commission if he has ongoing concerns. This would permit the commission to follow the procedure established by the ordinance.

There was a discussion of the possibility of creating an email address for the Ethics Commission. John McGrath will check with the town's IT office regarding this question.

OLD BUSINESS: Commission member Michael Sikoski discussed a proposed letter that he will send to the town council to inform them of the status of the commission's work and to make the council aware of the issue of providing notice of the ethics ordinance to all employees of the town as well as members of commissions and committees established by the town. It was agreed that the letter should be drafted for further review and then sent to the town council.

There has been no response from the Board of Education or School Superintendent with respect to the letter sent to them by the Commission in January. The Commission discussed whether it would be appropriate to send any further letters and decided that it

would not be appropriate to do so. The Commission agreed that it has jurisdiction over Board of Education members and employees under the language of the ordinance.

Commission member Robin Dixon-Rouse reviewed with the commission an outline of an informational handout she prepared. The commission agreed that it would be a good idea to have such a handout. Commission member Peter Hughes agreed to draft such a document using the outline. Commission member Joshua Eves agreed to assist Mr. Hughes as needed. The Commission will review the draft document at its next meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS: The next regular meeting will be held on May 14th at 7 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the town hall.

There was no other business to come before the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by John McGrath, Secretary
April 23, 2015

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