

Town of Windham Ethics Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes of June 9th, 2011
Windham High School Media Center

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM.
2. There were no citizens/delegations.
3. The minutes of the meeting dated 5/12/2011 were approved.
4. There were no complaints, waivers, advisory opinions, etc. presented to the commission.
5. Reports, Updates, Discussion, Possible Action
 - a. The sub-committee of the Admin/Finance will not be holding a meeting in August, and will be meeting only once in July. We were not on the agenda for their June meeting. A question remains as to when they will take up the proposed changes that we are yet to present formally to the committee. Copies have been e-mailed to the members of the committee, but a formal presentation has not been made before them.
 - b. There were no changes to the status of our final draft
 - c. Chair Lary received a copy of a memo summarizing issues and positions of the Ethics Commission and Town Hall from Neal Beets. A copy was also circulated to all department heads of Town Hall, and to the members of the admin/finance sub-committee identifying the major points of difference between the two sides.
 - d. It was discussed among the members of the commission that more information regarding the proposed ordinance needs to be made available to the public. To that end, it was decided that Chair Lary would reach out to the media to explain our positions to the public.
6. Citizens/delegations

Mr. Henry Crane, of Windham St. Willimantic spoke of the opinion that he would like to see a charter change reflecting appointments being brought to the Council by the Mayor. He felt it gave the Mayor too much power, and would like to see an alternative should the Mayor choose not to bring forth a name. He also felt the Commission should be able to investigate complaints on their own; but feels that eventually the person(s) involved need to be identified for prosecutorial sakes. He also mentioned that the building was locked, and needed to find someone to open it.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kessenia Gagnon, Secretary