

TOWN OF WINDHAM
ETHICS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Temporary Chairman Mike Sikoski at 7:00 p.m. at the second floor conference room of the Windham Town Hall.

Present were: Mike Sikoski; Joshua Eves; Robin Dixon Rouse; and John McGrath

The minutes of the August 21, 2014 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were moved by Joshua Eves and seconded by John McGrath. The correct spelling of Mr. Sikoski's name was noted. Minutes were approved.

There was no public comment.

There was a discussion of the letter sent by the temporary chairman to the town manager concerning the distribution of the ethics code to town employees. According to information that was provided to the ethics commission, the town code of ethics does not apply to Windham town employees. It does apply to elected officials and those persons who serve by appointment on town committees.

According to the town staff, all union contracts for town employees now contain a provision regarding ethical conduct requirements.

The commission felt that it was important to request the same information from the school administrators and board of education. Mr. Sikoski will draft a letter to inquire of the school administration and board of education their position regarding the question of whether the town ethics ordinance applies to Windham school system employees. Motion was moved by Joshua Eves and seconded by John McGrath. Motion approved unanimously.

Joshua Eves agreed to review the terms of the charter which is being presented to the voters this fall and report to the commission whether there is any reference to ethics or the ethics code.

The members discussed the status of the revisions to the current ethics code which had been worked on by the previous members of the commission. It was agreed that the members will review the draft of the proposed changes and discuss it at the next meeting.

There was discussion of finding one additional member. It was agreed that the additional member should not be a Democrat. It was further agreed that no election of officers would take place until a fifth member joined the commission.

A schedule of future meetings was presented. It was moved by Joshua Eves and seconded by Robin Rouse to adopt the following schedule of regular meetings of the Commission : 2nd Thursday of each month at the second floor conference room at 7:00 p.m. Motion was approved unanimously.

Henry Crane spoke at the second public comment opportunity and expressed his satisfaction with the proposal to add a fifth member who is not a Democrat.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Temporary Secretary

John McGrath 09/16/2014