

**Town of Griswold
Ethics Commission Meeting
January 18, 2018**

The January 18, 2018 special meeting of the Griswold Ethics Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ethic Commission Chairman Elizabeth Sibicky. This meeting replaced the regular meeting scheduled for January 4, 2018 that was cancelled due to extreme weather. The Roll Call was stated by the Chairman and the following members were present: Chairman Elizabeth Sibicky, Vice Chairman Patrick Chao, Secretary Elizabeth Scannell, Mark S. Sulik, Julian Smith and new alternate member Kathy Petersen. A quorum of members was present. One member of the public was also present.

The Chairman introduced Mrs. Kathy Petersen who has been appointed as an alternate member of the Commission by the Board of Selectmen for a one year term.

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2017 regular meeting. A motion was made by Mark Sulik and seconded by Patrick Chao to accept the minutes as published. All were in favor and the motion carried.

- II. **Old Business:**
 1. **Adoption of revised Ethics code update:** Mrs. Sibicky attended the October Town meeting and the Revised Code was approved unanimously. The Town Clerk's office is currently gathering signatures for the Agreement to Comply with the Code of Ethics (Form C). A motion was made by Patrick Chao and seconded by Mark Sulik that an update on the progress of collecting the signatures be requested for the April meeting. All were in favor and the motion carried.
 2. **October Ethics Training update:** An Ethics training session on held October 12th with presenters from the Connecticut Conference on Municipalities .25 attendees from Griswold and surrounding communities participated. Favorable comments were made on the strength of our Ethics Code and the Chairman thanked the Commission for their efforts. Another training session will be scheduled for 2019.

III. **New Business:**

1. **2017 Annual Report:** The 2017 Annual report to the Board of Selectmen was read by the Secretary. A motion to accept the report was made by Patrick Chao and seconded by Mark Sulik .All were in favor and the motion carried.
2. **Adjournment:** At 7:06pm having no further business, the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. A motion to accept the report was made by Julian Smith and seconded by Mark Sulik .All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of January, 2018

Elizabeth Scannell
Commission Secretary

Town of Griswold Ethics Commission 2017 Annual Report

In compliance with Chapter 35-7 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Griswold, The Ethics Commission hereby submits the following Annual Report to The Board of Selectmen:

Current members of the Ethics Commission are Mrs. Elizabeth Sibicky Chairman, Mr. Patrick Chao Vice Chairman, Mrs. Elizabeth Scannell Secretary, Mr. Mark Sulik, and Mr. Julian Smith.

Former Alternate Commission member, Mr. Joseph Leporati did not seek reappointment at the end of his one year term. The Board of Selectmen is currently seeking applications from interested parties for appointment as an Alternate to the Commission.

The Commission held regularly scheduled meetings on January 5th, April 6th, July 14th and October 5th, 2017. An additional special meeting was held on April 18th. Minutes of each meeting were recorded by the Secretary or designated alternate, and then filed with the Town Clerk, along with a digital recording of the meeting.

During 2017, no complaints alleging a violation of the "Code of Ethical Conduct" were received by the Ethics Commission. On March 17, a Request for an Advisory Opinion was submitted to the Commission by the Town Clerk on behalf of a school employee who wanted to know if serving on the Board of Finance would be permissible or would be a conflict of interest. This matter was addressed at the April 6th regular meeting and again at a special meeting on April 18th. After investigation and review, it was determined that this would be in violation of CT General Statute Section 7-421(e), and therefore would not be permissible.

The 2016 suggested revisions to the Ethics Code were reviewed by the Ordinance Committee and the Town attorney. Minor revisions were made based on the Attorney's recommendations and the revised Code was approved at a special Town meeting on October 24, 2017.

An Ethics training session on "Ethics, Accountability and Conflicts of Interest" was held October 12th with presenters from the Connecticut Conference on Municipalities. 25 attendees from Griswold and surrounding communities participated.

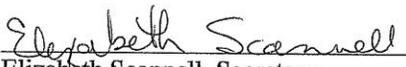
Meeting dates set for 2018 are January 4th, April 5th, July 12th, and October 4th.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth Sibicky, Chairman

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Date



Elizabeth Scannell, Secretary

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