

Town of Griswold
Ethics Commission Meeting
January 2, 2020

The January 2, 2020 meeting of the Griswold Ethics Commission was called to order at 7 pm by Ethics Commission Chairman Elizabeth Sibicky. The roll was called and the following Commission members were also in attendance: Elizabeth Scannell, Mark S.Sulik, Kathy Petersen and alternate Joseph D’Errico. A quorum of members was present. In the absence of Patrick Chao, Joseph D’Errico was asked to function as a regular member. One member of the public was present at the meeting.

- I. The Chairman called for corrections or additions to the minutes of the Oct. 3, 2019 meeting. Hearing none, a motion to accept the minutes was made by Mark S. Sulik and seconded by Kathy Petersen. All were in favor and the motion carried.

- II. Old Business: (none)

- III. New Business:
 1. 2019 Annual report to the Selectmen: A motion was made by Joseph D’Errico and seconded by Kathy Petersen to dispense with the reading of the Annual Report. All were in favor and the motion carried.
A motion to accept the Annual Report was made by Kathy Petersen and seconded by Joseph D’Errico. All were in favor and the motion carried.

 2. Other concerns/questions/business:
Reappointment of Joseph D’Errico: Joseph has sent a letter to the Office of the First Selectman requesting reappointment to the Commission. This request will be considered at the February Selectmen’s meeting.

IV. Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mark S. Sulik and seconded by Kathy Petersen. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7: 04 pm.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of January, 2020,

Elizabeth Scannell
Commission Secretary
Digital recording submitted January 3, 2020

Town of Griswold Ethics Commission 2019 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 S. Sulik, Kathy Petersen and alternate Mr. Joseph D'Errico. Mr. D'Errico was appointed to the Commission for a one year term from February 12, 2019 to February 11, 2020.

The Commission held regularly scheduled meetings on January 3rd, April 4th, July 11th and October 3rd, 2019. An additional special meeting was held on August 13th. 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. Minutes were also sent to the Office of the First Selectmen for inclusion on the Town's website.

During 2019, no complaints alleging a violation of the "Code of Ethical Conduct" were received by the Ethics Commission. On August 1, a Request for an Advisory Opinion was submitted to the Commission by Mr. Todd Babbit, First Selectman. The Advisory Opinion was sought to determine if the Town acted appropriately in regards to the inspections of work done by the Building Inspector. The work was initiated prior to his employment with the Town and completed 2-3 weeks after his employment. This matter was addressed at a special meeting on August 13th. The Town of Griswold took action by hiring the Plainfield building inspector to inspect the project to ensure that there was no conflict of interest. It was the consensus of the Griswold Ethics Commission that the Town of Griswold acted appropriately and in compliance with the standards of the Code of Ethics.

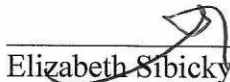
The Ethics Code was reviewed for 2019 by Elizabeth Sibicky and Elizabeth Scannell. There were no new State rules that need to be incorporated into the Code. After review, it was determined that no changes are necessary to the Code at this time.

An Ethics training session was held October 10th with presenters from the Connecticut Conference on Municipalities. This year's format was a little different in that it combined both the Ethics workshop and A Freedom of Information workshop.

Commission Members Patrick Chao and Elizabeth Scannell were reappointed to the Commission by the Board of Selectmen at their August 13th meeting. The terms of the appointments are October 9, 2019 through October 8, 2022.

Meeting dates set for 2020 are January 2nd, April 2nd, July 9th, and October 1st.

Respectfully submitted,


Elizabeth Sibicky, Chairman

1/2/2020
Date


Elizabeth Scannell, Secretary

1/2/2020
Date