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## Town of Griswold Ethics Commission Meeting April 6, 2017

The April 6, 2017 regular meeting of the Griswold Ethics Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ethic Commission Chairman Elizabeth Sibicky.

- I. **Roll Call:** The Roll Call was stated by the Chairman and the following members were present at the meeting: Chairman Elizabeth Sibicky, Vice-Chairman Patrick Chao, Mark Sulik, Julian Smith and alternate Joseph Leporati. Elizabeth Scannell was excused. A quorum of members was present.
  
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2017 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.
  
- III. **Old Business:**
  1. Update on revisions to Ethics Code. The chairman updated the commission on the progress of the town review. She met with the ordinance committee in December 2016 since any changes to codes need to be reviewed by that committee. At that time they had no changes and sent the Ethics Code to the town attorney for review. The chairman contacted Todd Babbitt and Lisa Wood from the selectman's office, and no changes were suggested by the attorney. Various ordinances and the Ethics Code will be brought to a town meeting in the near future.

The chairman also reported that she contacted the secretary of Norwich's manager to learn more about Ethics education on line. The CT Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) offer free online education including review of the updated Griswold Ethics code. The chairman contacted the selectman's office that verified that we are members of CIRMA. It would require collection of all employee and board member's emails for the program goes directly to them.

The bi-annual Ethics training will be held in mid-October 2017 by CCM. It is a very informative 4 hour lecture that reviews all aspects of Ethics including Griswold's Code. All Ethics Commission members are strongly encouraged to attend as well as any employee of Griswold. Members of other municipalities are also invited. We should have a date by June, and the chairman will notify the commission once she finalizes the plans.

IV. **New Business:**

1. Request for an Advisory Opinion. The Griswold Town Clerk requested an opinion about a question that she received from a Griswold school secretary and the ability to run for the finance board. After much discussion, it was determined that more clarification about codes that may govern the ability for a municipal employee to run for certain boards was determined. A motion was made by Mark Sulik and seconded by Patrick Chao to table an opinion until more information is obtained. Due to the holiday week, it was determined that the Griswold Ethics Commission will meet on Tuesday April 18 at 7:00pm, depending on room availability.
2. Other concerns/questions/business. None

- V. **Adjournment:** At 7:18 pm having no further business, the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Patrick Chao and seconded by Julian Smith to adjourn. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017

Patrick Chao  
Commission Vice Chairman

Elizabeth R. Sibicky  
Commission Chairman