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Town of Griswold Ethics Commission Meeting January 8, 2015

The meeting of the Griswold Ethics Commission was called to order at 7:03pm by Ethic Commission Chairman Elizabeth Sibicky. The Roll Call was stated by the Chairman and the following members were present: Elizabeth Sibicky, Elizabeth Scannell, Patrick Chao, Mark Sulik and alternate Julian Smith. A quorum of members was present. One member of the public was present.

The Chairman asked Julian Smith to act as a regular member in the absence of Todd Gudeahn.

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2014 regular meeting. A motion was made by Patrick Chao and seconded by Mark Sulik to accept the minutes as published. All were in favor and the motion carried.

- II. **Town meeting ordinance: Addition of recusal procedure (update):** Mrs. Sibicky distributed a copy of the minutes of the Special Town meeting held on August 12, 2014. At that time, an amendment to the Chapter 56 “Meetings” of the Town Code of Ordinances was considered, discussed and approved. The Amendment covers the recusal procedure that should be followed.

- III. **Update on scheduling Ethics education conference:** Mrs. Sibicky stated that the training is scheduled to be held from 9am to 12noon on April 8, 2015. Other towns will be invited to attend as well.

- IV. **Reappointment Request:** Mrs. Sibicky’s term expires on January 13, 2015. A letter requesting reappointment has been sent to the First Selectman. The matter should be discussed at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

- V. **2014 Annual Report:** Mrs. Sibicky asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the report. The secretary was thanked for her efforts in compiling the report. A motion was made by Patrick Chao and seconded by Mark Sulik to accept the 2014 Annual Report as published. All were in favor and the motion carried. The Secretary will give the signed copy to The Board of Selectmen.
- VI. **Plan for the 2015 Ethcis Code review:** Mrs. Sibicky outlined the plan for reviewing the Code this year. Everyone was asked to review the Code and bring suggestions for revision to the next meeting. Two particular issues that need to be addressed were presented. First, the referencing of the recusal procedure outlined in the amended Code of Ordinances (#56-6 Meetings). Second, it has been requested that the explanation of how to use the forms be expanded .The Chairman requested volunteers to work on that revision. Mr. Julian Smith and Mrs. Elizabeth Scannell volunteered.
- VII. **Other business/questions/concerns:** Mrs. Sibicky asked if there was any additional business or questions. None were stated.
- VIII. **Adjournment:** At 7:09pm, the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Patrick Chao and seconded by Mark Sulik to adjourn. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of January, 2015

Elizabeth Scannell
Commission Secretary