

**Town of Griswold
Ethics Commission Meeting
July 10, 2014**

The July 10, 2014 meeting of the Griswold Ethics Commission was called to order at 7:04 pm 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, alternate Mark Sulik and Todd Gudeahn. A quorum of members was present.

The Chairman asked Mark Sulik to act as a regular member due to the unexpected absence of Joe Foy. Mrs Sibicky requested that an item be added to the agenda to discuss the vacancy created by the unexpected death of Joe Foy. A motion was made by Elizabeth Scannell and seconded by Patrick Chao that we add an item to discuss the vacancy on the Commission. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Mrs. Sibicky noted that Joe Foy, our beloved Commission member, unexpectedly passed away. It was noted that Joe was a long time member of the Commission. Mrs. Sibicky and Mrs. Scannell attended the wake. It was noted that Joe's daughters expressed how much Joe enjoyed serving on the Commission. Mrs. Sibicky expressed the Commission appreciation of Joe's involvement and dedication, and publically offered our thanks for his service.

Joe's passing creates a vacancy on the Commission. Mrs. Sibicky stated she had asked Mark Sulik if he would be willing to serve as a regular member, and he was agreeable. A motion was made by Elizabeth Scannell and seconded by Patrick Chao that Mrs. Sibicky send a letter to the BOS asking that Mark be appointed as a regular member and that the BOS seek a new alternate to the Commission. All were in favor and the motion carried. It was noted that the new Commission member must be from the Democratic Party.

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2014 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. **Town review of Ethics code update:** Mrs. Sibicky has received confirmation from the Assistant Town Clerk and the First Selectman

that all Departments, Boards & Commissions members have reviewed the Ethics Code, except for the teachers. The current BOE contracts do not specify that the teachers must sign that they have reviewed the Ethics Code. The union was unwilling to have its members sign. Stuart Norman, the First Selectman and the Town attorney will work towards having the Code review incorporated into future contracts. It was noted that the teachers are legally bound to follow the Code of Ethics, whether or not they sign the Code review form.

III. **Town meeting ordinance: Addition of recusal procedure (update):**

Mrs. Sibicky was asked to attend 2 BOS meetings to discuss this issue. She also met with the Town attorney in an advisory capacity. It was agreed by all parties that the appropriate place for the recusal procedure was in the Meeting Ordinance (#56) and that the Ethics Code will be revised to refer to the Ordinance once it has been updated. The BOS will add it to the agenda of a future Town meeting for approval.

IV. **Possible fall date for Ethics education:** Mrs Sibicky stated that the training would most likely be held on November 20, 2014. We will announce the date to other Towns once it has been confirmed. Mrs. Sibicky noted that the BOS was pleased that we would be offering more education classes.

V. **Review of Members' terms:** Mrs. Sibicky noted that she had recently been on the Town's website and noticed that the terms listed were out of date. Mrs. Scannell said she had verified the terms with the First Selectman's secretary and the website has since been updated. It was noted that Mrs. Sibicky and Mr. Sulik's terms are up for reappointment in January. (Mr. Sulik's date may change if he is appointed as a regular member prior to January). It was noted that our Commissions' agendas and meetings have not been posted on the website, although they are submitted regularly.

- VI. **Adjournment:** At 7:15pm having no further business, 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 14^h day of July, 2014

Elizabeth Scannell
Commission Secretary