

## Digital recording submitted

### Town of Griswold Ethics Commission Meeting October 2, 2014

The October 2, 2014 meeting of the Griswold Ethics Commission was called to order at 7:00pm 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.

Mrs. Sibicky introduced alternate member Julian Smith, and welcomed him to the Commission. A brief introduction to the building and to the Commission meeting schedule was given.

The Chairman asked Julian Smith to act as a regular member until Todd Gudeahn arrived. (Todd Gudeahn came in at 7:10pm)

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 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 gave a brief background on the issue. She met with the Town attorney in an advisory capacity as requested by the Board of Selectmen. 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 when the Code is updated next year. The BOS will add it to the agenda of a future Town meeting for approval.
  
- 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 (doors will open at 8am). Other towns will be invited to attend as well.

- IV. **Meeting dates for 2015 :** The Secretary presented the list of meeting dates for 2015. While the Commission generally meets the first Thursday of each quarter, it was noted that most dates have been pushed back one week to avoid holidays. Proposed meeting dates for 2015 are January 8<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion to accept the proposed meeting dates was made by Liz Sibicky and seconded by Patrick Chao. All were in favor and the motion carried. The Secretary will submit the dates to the Town Clerk and the First Selectmen's office.
- V. **Correspondence:** Mrs. Sibicky stated she had received information from the First Selectmen on reference material from the Council on Connecticut Municipalities concerning "Conflicts of Interest". Our Ethics Code already contains many of the recommendations. We will utilize this resource when the Code is next updated. Mrs. Sibicky also recently received a FOI request that had been forwarded to her by the First Selectman's assistant. A member of the public was looking for the results of a hearing. Mrs. Sibicky contacted the individual and let him know that our Ethics Commission had not conducted a hearing and he was referred to the State Ethics Commission. The First Selectman's office was notified of the contact and referral.
- VI. **Other business/questions/concerns:** Mrs. Sibicky asked if there were any questions. Mr. Smith asked if the Commission reviewed Town contracts. Mrs. Sibicky stated that we do not. She briefly explained the process for advisory reviews and complaints.
- VII. **Adjournment:** At 7:17pm 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2014

Elizabeth Scannell  
Commission Secretary