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Minutes

Waterford Ethics Commission Special Meeting
Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 6PM
Waterford Police Station Training Room

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:02PM by Chair Ritter.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Observed.
3. Attendance: Members present were Betsy Ritter, Adam Stone, Christopher Nailon, and Cathy Patterson. Alternates present were Paul Helvig and Sara Gilman Mallari. Member Alan Messier was absent. There were no members of the public present.
4. Public Comment: None.
5. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting of July 1, 2025: Motion made by Betsy Ritter, seconded by Chris Nailon, to amend the minutes as follows. Under Item 10 Executive Session add the following: Hear and discuss items of business currently before the Commission. Unanimous. Motion made by Cathy Patterson, seconded by Sara Gilman Millari, to accept the minutes as amended. Unanimous.
 - b. Special Meeting of July 1, 2025: Motion made by Cathy Patterson, seconded by Sara Gilman Mallari, to amend the minutes as follows. Under Item 10 Executive Session add the following: Hear and discuss items of business currently before the Commission. Unanimous. Motion made by Paul Helvig, seconded by Cathy Patterson, to accept the minutes as amended. Unanimous.
6. Correspondence: None.

7. Report from the Chair

- a. Update on request to RTM for ordinance changes: Chair Ritter reported no action.
- b. Posting of Agendas with Executive Session and FOI discussion: Chair Ritter reported a conversation with Town Attorney Avena regarding his recommendation for additional descriptive language on future agendas and minutes to report executive session activities. She will ask him for specific recommendations on wording to report activities while maintaining necessary compliance with confidentiality requirements.

8. Old business: None.

9. New business: None.

10. Executive Session: The Commission was joined by Attorney Jeffrey Longregan at 6:15PM. Motion made at 6:18PM: The Commission will go to Executive Session. Made by Adam Stone, seconded by Paul Helvig. Unanimous.

- a. Discussion of request to post notice of decision in Complaint #2023-01 on Town website
- b. Continue to hear and discuss items of business currently before the Commission

At 7:15PM motion made by Cathy Patterson, seconded by Adam Stone: The Commission will end the Executive Session. Unanimous. There were no other motions made in the Executive Session.

The Commission formally agreed to seat the alternates present for the meeting.

11. Decision on approval of the request to post notice of the decision in Complaint #2023-01. Motion made by Betsy Ritter: The Commission will not post a notice of the action on Complaint #2023-01. Seconded by Cathy Patteson. The motion was amended by Sara Mallari, seconded by Cathy Patterson, to state: The Commission will post the action on Complaint #2023-01. Unanimous. Voting in favor of the amended motion: Sara Gilman Mallari. Voting against: Betsy Ritter, Christopher Nailon, Paul Helvig, Cathy Patterson. Abstained: Adam Stone. The motion failed.

Motion to adjourn made at 7:22 by Cathy Patterson, seconded by Paul Helvig. Unanimous.

Note: Next Regular Meeting is October 7, 2025.

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Ritter, Chair