

ETHICS COMMISSION
Special Business Meeting
MINUTES
February 26, 2020

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TEST: David L. Campo
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Call to Order:

The February 26, 2020 Special Business Meeting of the Ethics Commission was called to order at 6:07 PM by Marty Zeldis, Chairman.

Present:, Marty Zeldis, Betsy Ritter, Laurie Wolfley,

Excused:, Mark Burnham, Olga Bush, Steve Garvin

Late Arrival: Cindy Hersom (6:14PM)

Approval of Minutes:

L. Wolfley moved to approve the meeting minutes of the February 12, 2020 Special Meeting.

M. Zeldis seconded. The minutes as written were accepted. (2,0,1)

Old Business:

Item 3b:

1. M. Zeldis, Chairman started the discussion related to the newly designed form for complaint. The form usage was discussed with D. Campo, Town Clerk. A recommendation for "discretionary" or "recommended" usage of the form was made by the Town Clerk. It was stated that the form should not be mandatory for filing a complaint. As stated in the minutes from the last Special meeting, final approval for form usage will be discussed with the Town attorney at the next meeting. Chairman Zeldis left several copies of the form at the Town Clerk's office for immediate use.

Subsection 2.50.070 Sub section A will be amended to state the "recommended complaint form".

Further discussion included a possible hyperlink on the Town website to the form and the Code of Ethics 2.50. M. Zeldis to speak with Town Clerk about adding the form as a PDF on the website along with the Code of Ethics 2.50 for ease of use.

2. Chairman Zeldis received a letter of feedback from Atty Avena on the current proposed changes to the Code. The comment made to 2.50.020 Subsection B sentence 5 was discussed. Further discussion established a possible change will be made from \$25.00 to \$50.00. This will allow compliance to State of CT standards.

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Item 3a:

The Commission members continued the meeting with revising section 2.50.070.

1. Sub Section D – revise as suggested.
2. Sub Section E – no changes
3. Sub Section F – revise as suggested.
4. Sub Section G – no changes. M. Zeldis to verify CGS 4-177 Subsection C.
5. Sub Section H – no changes.
6. Sub Section I – revise as suggested.
7. Sub Section J – revise as suggested.

2.50.080

1. Sub Section A & B – no changes.

2.50.090

1. Sub Section A – revise as directed.
2. Sub Section B – revise as directed.
3. Sub Section C – revise as directed.
4. Sub Section D – no changes.
5. Sub Section E – no changes
6. Sub Section F – revise as suggested.
7. Sub Section G – revise as directed.

2.50.100

1. Sub Section A – revise as directed.
2. Sub Section B – no changes.

2.50.110

1. Sub Section A – no changes.
2. Sub Section B – no changes.
3. Sub Section C – no changes.
4. Sub Section D – change as directed.

2.50.120

Town Clerk to be asked as to how best the Ethics Code 2.50 should be dispersed before any changes are to be made to this section.

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Date for the next Special Business meeting to be determined. Chairman Zeldis to contact Atty Avena for date availability – March 11th or March 18th.

Adjournment:

At 7:48 PM B. Ritter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by C. Hersom, Unanimous decision (4-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey M. Tynan
Recording Secretary