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**ETHICS COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 16, 2025**

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Ritter reconvened the Ethics Commission Public Hearing of October 7, 2025 on October 16, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

2. **ATTENDANCE.** Betsy Ritter, Cathy Patterson, Adam Stone, Christopher Nailon, Alan Messier, Paul Helvig (alternate), Sara Gilman-Mallari (alternate), Jeffrey Londregan (Town Attorney) and David Campo (Town Clerk) were in attendance.
3. **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS.** Ms. Ritter reported we are here to complete deliberations on the eight ethics complaints. At the October 7, 2025 meeting we heard from the complainant and the respondents. We have received written documents from the complainant and respondents.

Ms. Ritter asked the complainant and respondents if they have any new additional information. The Commission was given additional information from the complainant Danielle Steward-Gelinas, and respondents Mary Childs, Kristin Gonzalez and Kayla Mullen.

This Public Hearing was video recorded and the video will be made available on the Ethics Commission website.

MOTION (1): Ms. Patterson moved to close the October 16, 2025 Ethics Commission Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Messier. (5-0) Unanimous.

4. **COMMISSION DETERMINATION OF FUTURE ACTION AND/OR FINAL DETERMINATION.**

MOTION (2): Ms. Ritter moved that the Ethics Commission determines it cannot conclusively state there is a violation of the Code of Ethics or the Advisory Opinion because the Advisory Opinion, as written, is ineffective, deficient and lacks clarity to expressly advise employees and elected officials if a vote on the "total bottom line" budget rises to the level of the respondents realizing a personal gain or suffer a personal loss. In Favor: Ritter, Patterson, Nailon and Messier. In Opposition: Stone. (4-1) Motion carried.

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (3): Ms. Patterson moved to adjourn the October 16, 2025 Ethics Commission Meeting of October 16, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. (5-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary