



Ethics Commission 2009 Annual Report

The Ethics Commission held nine regular and three special meetings in 2009. Commission members were George Law, Chairman; Terri Larson, Secretary; Normand Emond; Gerald Burke, and Jay Swanson who was appointed on September 16, 2009 to fill a vacancy created by Jean Dilworth's resignation.

In accordance with Ethics Ordinance requirements the following is reported for 2009:

- ***Summary of public decisions and opinions:*** five Ethics advisory opinions were issued.
- ***Number of decisions dismissing complaints:*** five complaints were dismissed after it was determined that no violation of the Ethics Ordinance had occurred. These complaints remained confidential as required by the Ethics Ordinance.
- ***Recommendations of any legislative or administrative actions regarding the Town policies and practices which the Commission believes could enhance the ethical environment in which the Town representatives work:*** an annual review of the entire Ethics Ordinance was conducted and proposed changes were recommended to the Board of Selectmen for consideration and approval.

The 34 slide Powerpoint presentation posted on the Town's website was used for training of Town representatives elected or hired in 2009. Certificates of Compliance were received throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

George Law, Chair