

ETHICS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Present: Terri Larson, Normand Emond, Jay Swanson

Absent: George Law

Normand Emond made a motion, seconded by Jay Swanson, to appoint Terri Larson as Vice Chairman of the Ethics Commission. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

1. Call to order

Terri Larson meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

2. Approval of minutes for February 9, 2010

Jay Swanson made a motion, seconded by Normand Emond, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2010 meeting. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

3. Correspondence

Terri Larson reported that no correspondence has been received.

4. Public comment: none

5. Old business:

a. Complaint record form – tabled on 2/18/09

b. Review adopted forms – tabled on 3/18/09

c. Discuss comments from Board of Selectmen regarding proposed changes to the Ethics Ordinance: no further discussion

d. Advisory Opinion request AO2010-01 (Refer to attachment A)

A request was received from Susan Bransfield, Brian Flood, Mark Finkelstein, Kathy Richards and Sharon Peters to reconsider Advisory Opinion 2010-01. (Refer to attachment A)

Due to Chairman Law being unable to attend this meeting, a draft response was written by Terri Larson and George Law in response to this request and was shared with the other members of the Commission.

Terri Larson read into the record point # 1 of this draft. The consensus of commission members is agreement with this point.

Terri Larson read into the record point #2 of this draft. The consensus of commission members is agreement with this point.

Terri Larson read into the record point #3 of this draft. The consensus of commission members is agreement with this point.

Terri Larson read into the record point #4 of this draft. The consensus of commission members is agreement with this point.

Terri Larson read into the record point #5 of this draft. The consensus of commission members is agreement with this point.

Jay Swanson made a motion, seconded by Normand Emond, to accept this draft as the response to the request to reconsider Advisory Opinion 2010-01 (Refer to Attachment B). Vote unanimous, motion carried.

6. Public comment

Melissa Allen, 111 Collins Hill Road, commented that she is very grateful that the Town has a code of ethics and for the work of the Ethics Commission.

Bernie Dillon, Town Clerk, commented on her concerns with this issue and the work of the Ethics Commission.

Normand Emond admonished the Board of Selectman regarding this Advisory Opinion request, in that he believes the issue should have been discussed and communicated among the BOS prior to it being taken to a public hearing.

7. General discussion: none

8. Executive Session: none

9. Adjournment

Jay Swanson made a motion, seconded by Normand Emond, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Siena
Board Clerk