

## **Ethics Commission 2014-15 Annual Report**

The Ethics Commission held one regular meeting and three special meetings in 2014-15. Commission members were George Law, Chairman; Terri Larson, Secretary; Jim Probolus and Jay Swanson. Sharon Peters was appointed to the Commission in December 2014 for the term expiring December 31, 2019.

In accordance with Ethics Ordinance requirements the following is reported for 2014-15:

- Summary of public decisions and opinions: none.
- *Number of decisions dismissing complaints:* The Commission found no probable cause for Complaint 2014-01.
- 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: the Board of Selectmen and Ethics Commission had a joint meeting to discuss concerns about difficulty with procedures in handling Complaint 2014-01, long-term vacancy on the Commission, and the perceived role of the Commission. The Board of Selectmen appointed a new member to fill the vacancy but no action has been taken regarding the other items discussed.

The 34-slide Powerpoint presentation continues to be used to train new employees and for annual recertification. Certificates of compliance were received throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

George Law, Chair