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ETHICS COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2008
Commission Room B

PRESENT: Ron Hull, Elaine Pont, Betsi Feldman, and Maya Smyth.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Hull called the meeting of the Ethics Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Room B at the Town Hall, 55 Main Street, Ellington, CT.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED (SMYTH), SECONDED (PONT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 24, 2008 MEETING OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Section 2: Definitions have been tabled until the next meeting.

c. The Ethics Commission had decided to talk about Section 6: Statute of Limitations before discussing the Independent Counsel. There was discussion on the determination of how many years that the statute of limitations should be.

MOTION (PONT) SECONDED (FELDMAN) TO ACCEPT THREE YEARS FOR THE STATUTE OF LIMITATION FROM THE ADOPTION OF THE ETHICS CODE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. The Ethics Commission then went on to discuss the Independent Counsel.

MOTION (PONT) SECONDED (SMYTH) TO ACCEPT TO PUT IN THE CODE IN REGARDS TO AN INDEPENDEDNT COUNSEL AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

d. Section 5: Confidentiality. There is some confusion in regards to confidentiality or disclosures. The Ethics Commission had decided that this is a section that needs clarification by Joe Ryan, Town Attorney.

MOTION (HULL) SECONDED (PONT) TO ACCEPT THE DRAFT OF SECTION 5 OF STATE MODEL CODE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION (PONT) SECONDED (SMYTH) TO ACCEPT THIS SECTION AS DRAFT FORMAT FOR THE FINAL REVIEW AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

d. Section 11: Distribution of Ethics Code- The Commission had decided to go with the wording on how Vernon and Suffield distribute their code.

MOTION (HULL) SECONDED (PONT) TO APPROVE SECTION 11 AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. The Ethics Commission had done the walkthrough of the timeline on complaints and had decided that they liked the number of days for each process.

b. Formal Process has been tabled until the next meeting.

c. Section 8 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (FELDMAN), SECONDED (PONT) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING AT 9:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Cosman

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Recording Secretary