ETHICS COMMISSION
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COMPLEX MEETING ROOM 3
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2026
6:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order

-Chairman Kevin Staehly called the meeting to order at 6:36pm on January 28th, 2026.
-Present: Kevin Staehly (Chairman), Rebecca Skinner (Secretary), Janie Pittendreigh, Jayne Thomas
-Absent: Paul Stuhlman

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of January 14th, 2026

-The draft minutes of the January 14th, 2026 Regular Meeting were circulated to members.
-Ms. Pittendreigh moved to approve the minutes as presented.
-Ms. Thomas seconded the motion.
-The motion passed unanimously.

3. Old Business

A. Commission Membership

-The Commission reviewed a previous notice used in the town paper to highlight vacancies on the Ethics Commission.
-Discussion commenced on minor adjustments to wording and providing a separate statement highlighting that the public is welcome to provide their thoughts and ideas for potential revisions to the Ethics Code of Conduct.
-Discussion on current version to be passed to First Selectman's office for potential publication in the town paper.

B. Ordinance Revisions

-Commission continued discussion on potential revisions to the Ethics Code of Conduct.

C. Other Discussion

-Commission continued discussion on improving available resources for future commissions.
-Chairman Staehly presented quote provided by Attorney Kari L. Olson from the law offices of Harris Beach Murtha for 10 hours of work concerning the review of current regulations and commission's proposed changes.
-Ms. Pittendreigh moved to authorize up to 10 hours of work with the law offices of Harris Beach Murtha to begin the process of revising the town's Code of Ethical Conduct.
-Ms. Thomas seconded the motion.
-The motion passed unanimously.

-Chairman Staehly noted separately that he provided an annual report to the Board of Selectman summarizing the activities of the Commission.

4. Audience of Citizens

-There was no public comment.

5. Adjournment

-Chairman Staehly moved to adjourn the meeting.
-Ms. Thomas seconded the motion.
-The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

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