Town of East Haddam Ethics Commission, Minutes of Special Meeting, 9/30/20

Meeting was opened by Chairman Scott Jezek, at 7:00 PM.

Commission members present included Chairman Scott Jezek, Vice Chairman Pamela Gourlie, and Secretary Bruce Gelston. A member of the public who was interested in volunteering on the Ethics Commission, John Crovo, was also present. No other members of the public were present. The meeting was also live streamed and some members of the public viewed the meeting via the live stream.

The minutes from the special meeting of 10/16/19 were reviewed. Motion to approve without comment was passed.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Chairman Jezek stated he recently received inquiries from members of the community as to whether complaints to the Ethics Commission could be filed anonymously. Discussion ensued, with reference to the Code of Ethical Conduct. Commission members tentatively agreed that complaints may be filed by a member of the public or the Commission itself. In either case, the complainant must be identified, e.g. an identified member of the public or the Commission. This would not preclude the Commission's receipt of information on an anonymous basis. The Commission determined no action was required at that time. Secretary Gelston stated he would review the Code of Ethical Conduct for other municipalities with respect to the question raised.

The Commission then discussed Mr. Crovo's appointment. Mr. Crovo discussed his background and experience. The Commission unanimously approved a recommendation to the Town Selectman that Mr. Crovo be appointed to a vacant position on the Ethics Commission. The Commission discussed the appointment of the remaining vacancies on the Ethics Commission. Motion to approve the recommendation of Bruce Gelston for an additional three-year appointment to the Ethics Commission was passed without comment.

The Commission determined the next regularly scheduled meeting would occur in June 2021. However, a special meeting would be held to act on membership upon application of candidates.

Audience of Citizens: The live stream of the meeting was monitored by Linda Zemienieski for any questions or comments from members of the public. There were no questions or comments from any member of the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.