ETHICS COMMISSION
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COMPLEX
MEETING ROOM 3
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023
7:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

1. Call to Order:
   - Chairman Bruce Gelston called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.
   - Janie Pittendreigh; Valerie Almada; Kevin Staehly; and Bruce Gelston, Chairman in attendance
   - Paul Stuhlman absent
   - Linda Zimieneski was present in the audience

2. Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting of June 12, 2023
   - A copy of the draft minutes for the 6/12/2023 Special Meeting was circulated for the members to review.
   - **Motion was made by Ms. Pittendreigh to approve the minutes of the 6/12/2023 Special Meeting without amendment.**
   - **Ms. Almada seconded the motion**
   - **Unanimous aye.**

3. Unfinished Business
   A. None

4. New Business
   A. Other Discussion
      - Chairman Gelston expressed his gratitude at having served on the Commission for the last eight or so years, and announced his intent to resign once a new Chairman and officer positions had been filled
      - A general discussion took place regarding what officer positions would need to be filled, as well as recruitment of additional Commission members so that there would be no vacancies going forward.
      - Mr. Stuhlman being absent, there was unanimous consensus among the Commission (no vote taken) to postpone any resignations or officer transitions to the following meeting when all members could be present.

      - Mr. Staehly informed the Commission of a FOIA complaint that had been filed against the Town in regards to the Agriculture Commission.
      - Ms. Zemienieski advised the Commission that the Chairman of the Agriculture Commission had remedied the situation and that the Town Attorney had been advised of this.

- Ms. Zemienieski informed the Commission that the Code of Conduct was being successfully distributed throughout the various boards and commissions
- Ms. Zemienieski also informed the Commission that Mr. Tom Henneck would be conducting a post-election meeting at 7 PM on 11/29 in Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 of the Municipal Office Complex for the purposes of training anyone interested in various aspects of FOIA compliance and how to conduct public meetings.

B. Next Meeting Date

- A general discussion took place regarding the Commission members' schedules
- Ms. Zemienieski advised the Commission on which days Meeting Room 3 was available.
- **It was determined with unanimous consensus (no vote taken) that the next meeting would be held on:**

November 8, 2023 at 6 PM in Meeting Room 3 of the Municipal Office Complex

5. Audience of Citizens

Chairman Gelston read a letter he had received from First Selectwoman Irene Haines, thanking the Commission for their "silent service" acting as an additional check and balance in our system of government.

Ms. Linda Zemienieski was in attendance for the meeting and provided general advice to the Commission throughout the meeting as questions came up. She also advised that there was no digital correspondence from the Livestream received.

6. Adjournment:

- Motion made by Mr. Staehly to adjourn the meeting at 7: 26 PM.
- Seconded by Ms. Almada
- Unanimous aye

A video recording of this meeting is available digitally on YouTube at the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQ70p_JF3UE

You may also access the Town's YouTube Channel from the Town's website: www.easthaddam.org

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Staehly, Secretary