

Town of Windsor
BOARD OF ETHICS
July 27, 2004

APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Chairman James Parker, George Griffin, George Morgenthaler, James Mason

Absent: Abraham Morrison,

Staff: Peter Souza, Assistant Town Manager,

1. Call to Order
Mr. Parker called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. (meeting convened in the Ludlow Room)
2. Public Comment - None
3. Old Business - None.
4. New Business

A) Discussion of Possible Amendments to Code of Ethics Ordinance

Chairman Parker asked the Board if they would consider discussing a possible amendment to Section 2-23 of the Code of Ethics Ordinance regarding the process used to bring complaints before the Board of Ethics. Currently only the Town Council, Board of Education, Town Manager and Superintendent of Schools can request the Board of Ethics to render advisory opinions. Mr. Parker suggested that perhaps language should be inserted to allow citizens to make complaints directly to the Board of Ethics.

Mr. Griffin raised concerns with the potential of frivolous complaints being submitted directly to the Board and bypassing the Town Council and Town Manager.

Mr. Morgenthaler stated he concurred with Mr. Griffin's comments and felt the process in place was adequate and has worked.

Mr. Mason stated he was inclined to support making access for citizens easier. He feels that citizen access is important.

Mr. Griffin suggested that perhaps the Town Attorney could be asked to research and draft potential language to amend section 2-23.

Mr. Mason made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker, that the issue of allowing direct access for citizens to make complaints to the Board of Ethics be referred to the Town Attorney for determination of merit and legality, and the Town Attorney be asked to draft a potential amendment to Section 2-23 for review and consideration by the Board of Ethics.

Motion passed 4-0-0

Acting Town Manager Souza stated he will transmit in writing to the Town Attorney the Board's request and will also inform the Town Council.

5. Staff Reports - None

6. Minutes of Preceding Meeting

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Griffin to accept the meeting minutes of July 13, 2004 as presented.

Motion Passed 4-0-0

7. Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Morgenthaler, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Motion Passed 4-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Souza
Recording Secretary