

**Board of Ethics Commission
Special Meeting
January 25, 2005
Ludlow Room – Windsor Town Hall
Unapproved Minutes**

Present: Commissioners George Griffin, George Morgenthaler, James Parker, Jack Wall

Absent: James Mason

Staff: Peter Souza, Town Manager; Vincent Oswecki, Town Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Parker introduced Mr. Wall as a new member to the Board.

2. NEW BUSINESS

None.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a) **DISCUSSION OF TOWN ATTORNEY'S AUGUST 11TH LETTER RE: REVISIONS TO CODE OF ETHICS ORDINANCE**

Town Attorney Oswecki reviewed the August 11, 2004 letter in response to the Board of Ethics' request regarding the issue of allowing direct access for citizens to make complaints to the Board of Ethics.

Mr. Morgenthaler said that he prefers the status quo.

Mr. Wall stated he feels citizens should have direct access to raise complaints with the Board of Ethics.

The Board asked staff to research language from other communities. Does the State Board or others act on hypothetical cases? It was also suggested that meeting dates be obtained from other towns so the Windsor Board of Ethics can attend and discuss this issue. Additionally, it was requested that an investigation be pursued which would give us the number of towns that let citizens raise their complaint via direct access with the Board of Ethics.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Souza reported that a number of bills have been submitted to the State's General Assembly and that staff will monitor its development .

5. **MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING**

Moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Morganthaler to accept the July 27, 2004 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion Passed 3-0-1 (Mr. Wall abstained)

Moved by Mr. Morganthaler, seconded by Mr. Griffin to accept the August 24, 2004 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion Passed 3-0-1 (Mr. Wall abstained)

Moved by Mr. Morganthaler, seconded by Mr. Griffin to accept the October 12, 2004 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion Passed 3-0-1 (Mr. Wall abstained)

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Moved by Mr. Morganthaler, seconded by Mr. Griffin that in the future, all advisory opinions be written with findings and conclusions and signed by all voting members of the Board.

Motion Passed 4-0-0

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Morganthaler to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Motion Passed 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Souza, Acting Town Manager
Recording Secretary