

**Board of Ethics Commission  
Special Meeting  
July 12, 2005  
Ludlow Room – Windsor Town Hall  
Unapproved Minutes**

Present: Commissioners George Griffin, James Mason, James Parker, George Morganthaler

Absent: Jack Wall

Staff: Peter Souza, Town Manager

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

a) Update on Potential Meeting with other towns' Board of Ethics

It was reported that staff had contacted or attempted to contact six municipalities requesting a meeting to discuss processes relative to receiving and handling ethics complaints directly from citizens. None of these six Board of Ethics which were contacted meet on a regular basis and a majority of them had not met in two or more years.

After some discussion, Mr. Mason made a motion, seconded by Mr. Griffin to invite a representative of the State Board of Ethics to attend the October meeting to discuss processes relative to receiving and handling ethics complaints directly from citizens.

Discussion ensued and the Board members indicated their flexibility in scheduling in terms of date and day of time.

Motion passed 4-0-0

**3. New Business**

a) Election of Officers

Mr. Mason made a motion, seconded by Mr. Griffin, nominating Mr. Wall for the position of Chairperson to serve a term until July 2006.

Chairman Parker noted this follows the Board's tradition of selecting as Chairperson the member whose term expires in the coming July.

Motion passed 4-0-0

Mr. Morganthaler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mason to nominate Mr. Griffin for the position of Secretary to serve a term until July 2006.

Motion passed 4-0-0

b) Review of March 2003 proposed amendments to section 2-30 (c) and (d)

This item was placed on the agenda at the request of Mr. Wall at the April 2005 meeting. Given that Mr. Wall was not in attendance, Mr. Griffin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morganthaler to table item 4 b).

Motion passed 4-0-0

**4. STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Souza reported that the State's General Assembly did not adopt ethics legislation which would have required amendments to local ordinances or code of ethics. This is the second year in a row attempts have been made to pass such legislation. Such efforts are likely to continue in the future.

**5. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING**

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Griffin to accept the April 12, 2005 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion Passed 3-0-1 (Morganthaler abstained as he was not present at the meeting)

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Griffin to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Motion Passed 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Souza, Town Manager  
Recording Secretary