

**Town of Colchester
Ethics Commission
Regular Meeting June 4, 2019
Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES**

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Attending: Ursula Tschinkel, Dean Dest, John Malsbenden, Teresa Pineau and Betty Wagner.

Guests: Selectman Denise Turner and Reynaldo Valenzuela.

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Tschinkel.

2. Additions to the Agenda. None.

3. Approval of the Minutes. One correction was made to the spelling of Mr. Dest's name. Motion to accept as corrected: Mr. Malsbenden. Second: Ms. Pineau. Vote: Unanimous approval.

4. Citizens Comments. Selectman Denise Turner introduced herself and explained that she will be representing the Board of Selectmen at the Commission meetings. Reynaldo Valenzuela introduced himself. He represented the Bacon Academy Civics Class.

5. Review and Discussion of Colchester Ethics Ordinance.

Continue review at 53.3.

53.3 Municipal Ethics Commission.

No changes are recommended at this time.

53.4. Duties of the Commission.

A. 1. The Commission recommends adding to the end of the sentence the following: "in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act."

A.2. No changes are recommended at this time.

A.3. No changes are recommended at this time.

B. The Commission recommends changing the words "not inconsistent" with the word "consistent."

53.5 Procedure for receiving Complaint.

A. The commission recommends adding to the end of the sentence the following: "any one of the following:"

B. The Commission recommends deleting the Statute number and words "for a class A misdemeanor" so the sentence will end with "under the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes."

53.6. Investigation procedures; time limits; notice and hearings.

A. 2b. The Commission does not recommend changes at this time, but will seek a legal opinion at a later date.

B. No changes are recommended at this time.

C.. No changes are recommended at this time.

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D. The commission recommends deleting the Statute number and writing out "Connecticut General Statutes."

E and F. No changes are recommended at this time.

53.7. Confidentiality of complaints; evaluations of possible violations and investigations; publication of findings.

A. No changes are recommended at this time.

B. No changes are recommended at this time.

C and D. The Commission will look further into these sections at a later date.

53.8. Penalties for offenses.

A. No changes are recommended at this time.

B. 1. No changes are recommended at this time.

B. 2. The Commission recommends inserting the word Colchester prior to the words "Town Charter."

B 3. No changes are recommended at this time.

The Commission will continue at 53.9 at its next meeting.

6. Citizen Comments.

The Secretary notes that Ms. Pineau was excused at 6:41 and left the meeting due to another commitment.

The Chair reported that the Legislature failed to act on SB 1095, An Act Concerning Municipal Ethics.

7. Adjournment. Motion to Adjourn by Mr. Dest. Second by Mr. Malsbenden.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45. The next meeting will be August 6th at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Wagner