

Ethics Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2021

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The meeting was called to order by the chair at 6:05pm.

Members Present: Ursula Tschinkel, Chair; John Malsbenden, Dean Dest, Teresa Pineau.

Members Absent: Betty Wagner, Secretary

In the absence of the secretary, the chair appointed John Malsbenden to be the acting secretary.

Citizens Comments: None

Discussion of the minutes of the June 29, 2021 meeting was postponed until the next regular meeting.

Discussion was had pertaining to the proposed changes to the draft of the Ethics Ordinance change as proposed by the Town Attorney.

A motion was made by T. Pineau and seconded by D. Dest to delete all references to statutory "sub sections" and "chapter" specifically in proposed section 53-2 definitions A on page 2 and page 3, section 53-7 "Public Official" and "Special District"; page 5, section 53-7A; page 7 section 53-9, C(1), C(3). Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by D. Dest and seconded by T. Pineau to make the following changes:

- Page 1, section 53 - delete the words "our citizens" and substitute the words "town residents", delete the word "their" and substitute the word "town", all on line 9. On line 10, delete the word "their".
- Page 2 - delete the definition of "Immediate family" and substitute "Family means spouse, domestic partner, fiancé, financee, parents, grandparents, great grandparents, lineal descendants, stepchildren, siblings, lineal descendants of siblings and step siblings of an official, employee or consultant, or his/her spouse or domestic partner".
- Page 3, section 53-4A(1) - delete the words "in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, CGS, Chapter 14, section 1-200 to 1-159".
- Page 4 section 53-5B - delete entire paragraph and remove "A" from before paragraph.
- Page 6, section 53-8B(3) - delete words "as provided in" and substitute "if permitted under the".
- Page 7 section C(1) - delete from lines 3 and 4 "(or any member of his/her family) or employees (or members of his/her family)" and substitute the proposed definition of "Family" as mentioned on page 2 above. Delete the second set of "a,b,c, and d".
- Page 9 section 53-11, paragraph E line 5 - delete "12 months" and substitute "1 year".
- Page 9 section 53-12, Heading - delete "filing requirements". In lines 2 and 3 delete "on a form designated by the Ethics Commission"
- Page 10 add the words "Failure to file such a declaration as required shall constitute a violation of the code. Delete paragraph C.

Motion carried unanimously.

The chair will check with the Human Resource person and Town Clerk as to the status of such forms at the present time.

A motion to adjourn was made by D. Dest and seconded by T. Pineau at 7:48pm. Motion carried unanimously.

John Malsbenden
Acting Secretary