

Town of Colchester, CT
Town Hall
Ethics Commission
December 13, 2022

Members Present: Ursula Tschinkel, Chair; Dean Dest, Vice Chair; Elizabeth Wagner, Secretary; John Malsbenden; Deborah Bates, Board of Selectmen Liaison

Members Absent: None

Members of the Public: None

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:35 PM.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

A, Motion by E. Wagner, seconded by D. Dest to approve the minutes of April 12, 2022 with technical corrections. Vote: Yes-all, No-0. Motion passed.

B, Motion by E. Wagner, seconded by D. Dest to approve the minutes of May 18, 2022 as presented. Vote: Yes-all, No-0. Motion passed.

Citizens Comments: There were no Citizens Comments.

The proposed meeting Schedule for the Ethics Commission for 2023 was presented by the Chair. D. Dest moved its approval, second by E. Wagner. Vote: Yes-all, No-0. Motion passed.

There has been much work over many months relative to making revisions to the Code of Ethics. A copy of these changes was forwarded to the Town Attorney for his/her review. The Atty. proposes no changes to the revised "Acknowledgement Form". On page 1, The Atty. proposes the removal of the words "BENEFICIAL INTEREST - Any nonfinancial interest or special treatment that is not common to other citizens of the Town". On page 2, The Atty. proposed that the words "lineal descendants" be removed from the definition of "Immediate Family".

There was a motion by D. Dest to approve the suggested changes made by the Town Attorney. The motion was seconded E. Wagner. Vote: Yes-all; No-0. Motion Passed.

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The document containing the proposed changes must be presented to the Board of Selectmen and must have the Selectmen's approval to go into effect. Therefore, the Ethics Commission will ask to be on the agenda of the Board of Selectmen at its 2nd regular meeting in January 2023.

There were no Citizens Comments.

A motion to adjourn at 6:10 pm was made by E. Wagner, seconded by D. Dest.
Vote: Yes-4, No-0. Motion passed.

John F. Malsbenden
Acting Secretary