

**Ethics Commission  
February 4, 2020**

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Members present: Ursula Tschinkel, Chair; Dean Dest, Vice Chair;  
John Malsbenden.

Members absent: Betty Wagner, Secretary (excused); Teresa Pineau

Also Present: Taras Rudko, Liaison - Colchester Board of Selectman

- 1, The Meeting was called to order by U. Tschinkel, Chair at 6:00 pm.  
In the absence of the Secretary, J. Malsbenden was appointed  
Acting Secretary.
- 2, There were no additions to the agenda.
- 3, A motion was made by D. Dest to approve the minutes of the  
December 3, 2019 meeting, seconded by J. Malsbenden. Motion  
passed without opposition.
- 4, There were no Citizen's Comments.
- 5, Chairperson Tschinkel presented each member of the Commission  
with a copy of the "Annual Ethics Report". This report was  
presented to the First Selectman and Board of Selectmen on  
January 28, 2020. No action was needed by the Commission.
- 6, a, There was a general review of the draft incorporating the  
proposed changes in the Colchester Code of Ethics (Chapter 53).  
A great deal of time was focused on Section 53-6 B (1) the last  
sentence of which will be re-written for clarity.

Further discussion focused of formatting issues.

The members of the Commission will review these items for the

next meeting of the Commission.

- b, The Commission began the review of the Forms which are used by the public for making complaints made to the Ethics Commission.

The members of the Commission will review the "Citizen's Guide to the Ethics Complaint Process" which is now posted on the Town's Web Page.

When the members of the Commission finish their review, copies of the proposed changes will be forwarded to the First Selectman for review by the Town Attorney and possible adoption by the town.

7, Citizen's Comments. There were no Citizen's Comments.

8, D. Dest moved to adjourn, second by J. Malsbenden. There was no opposition and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

John F. Malsbenden  
Acting Secretary