

Trumbull Ethics Commission  
August 13, 2013

On June 22, 2013, at 5:03 p.m., the Trumbull Ethics Commission convened in the Nichols Room, Town Hall, Trumbull, Connecticut.

Commission Chairman, Thomas E. Lee, and Commissioners Eric Gross, James Stapleton, and John M. Varrone, were in attendance constituting a quorum. Commission members Martin L. McCann, Amy Todisco, and Frank Scifo, M.D. were unable to attend and were absent.

The Chairman, Thomas E. Lee, brought the meeting to order. On motion made by the Chairman, Thomas E. Lee, and seconded by Commissioner, John M. Varrone, the minutes of the meeting of June 22, 2013 were unanimously approved by the Commission members present and voting with the exception of Commission member, Eric Gross, who abstained from the vote as he was not present on June 22, 2013 and had recused himself from the business before the Commission on that date.

Thereafter, the Chairman brought before the commission subject matter relative to a Connecticut Post article of July 26, 2013. The Chairman indicated that it may be appropriate for the Chairman to respond to the contents of the article by correspondence to the First Selectman regarding issues raised in the article.

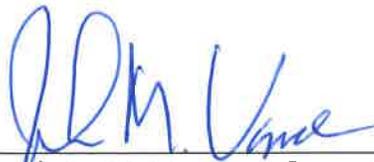
On motion made and seconded, and unanimously approved, the Chairman was authorized to address the issues raised in the article or to refrain from such correspondence as he may deem appropriate.

Further discussion ensued regarding the need for an Informational Session regarding the Ethics Code of the Town of Trumbull and related subject matter that would be conducted for the benefit of Town of Trumbull employees, board members, and commission members, and those who may otherwise come under the purview of the Town of Trumbull Ethics Code. It was noted that such an informational session had been held in 2008 and had been well attended and well received. This session would include assignment of sections of the Ethics Code to Ethics Commission members for presentation and include discussion of the role of the Ethics Commission. An informal question and answer session would be provided for those attending.

It was further discussed that the Chairman pursue planning for such a meeting to be tentatively scheduled for October 2, or October 3, 2013.

Further discussion was held regarding the authority of the Ethics Commission to initiate an investigation of an Ethics Complaint, and the Chairman noted such authority exists but should only be utilized in limited situations where such violation is both serious and where evidence exists to support the accusation of the alleged ethical violation. There was further discussion on procedure where multiple parties may be involved and how to separate complaints against multiple parties subject to a complaint.

Thereafter, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner, John M. Varrone, seconded by Chairman, Thomas E. Lee, which was unanimously approved and the Commission adjourned at 5:44 p.m.



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John M. Varrone, Secretary