Trumbull Ethics Commission
Hearing in Public
Conducted Via Public Zoom Call
August 17, 2020

MINUTES

The August 17, 2020 Trumbull Ethics Commission proceeding was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees

Members present:
   Attorney Thomas E. Lee, Chairman
   Attorney John Walkley
   Reverend Lawrence Fullerton
   Attorney Andrew Lubin
   Charles Slack

Also present:
   William Chin, Director of Information Technology, Town of Trumbull
   The Complainant

Not present:
   Attorney Martin McCann, Alternate Member

Preliminary Address to Public By Chairman T. Lee

At 7:00 p.m. Chairman Lee opened the proceeding and greeted those in attendance.

Minutes of 6/11/20 Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Lubin, and seconded by Commissioner Fullerton, to approve the Minutes of the 6/11/20 meeting of the Commission. Reading of the Minutes was dispensed with. There was no discussion and the Minutes were approved as written and originally submitted.
Hearing in Public

With regard to complaint #1-2020, Chairman Lee noted that the Respondent, Tony Scinto, who was not present, had requested that the Commission delay consideration of the complaint until a time when it would be possible to hold the Hearing in Public in person rather than via Zoom call.

Chairman Lee read aloud a Waiver signed by the Respondent on 8/17/20, agreeing to a postponement to a date beyond certain deadlines for the Ethics Commission to act pursuant to the Trumbull Code of Ethics, Sec. 2-2b1 et seq. and the Town Charter § 17j.

[See attached exhibit, “VOLUNTARY WAIVER OF TIME LIMITS”]

Chairman Lee asked the Complainant, Richard W. White, if he heard the reading of the waiver. The Complainant said he had heard it and he did not object to a postponement.

Commissioner Walkley noted that there were no guarantees that in-person meetings would be possible later in the year. Chairman Lee recommended that the Commission adjourn to a date certain, by which point an in-person meeting with proper distancing might be possible; or failing that, the Commission would proceed with a meeting via Zoom call on that date.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lubin that the Commission accept the Waiver by the Respondent, and adjourn to a date certain of October 5, 2020 at 7 p.m. with a decision to be made prior to the meeting as to whether to hold it in person (conditions allowing) or via Zoom. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walkley and carried unanimously without discussion.

Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon motion by the Commissioner Lubin, and seconded by Commissioner Fullerton, the meeting of the Trumbull Ethics Commission adjourned by unanimous consent of the Commissioners present at 7:23 p.m.

Recorded and submitted,
Commissioner Charles Slack, Secretary
Dated: August 19, 2020
VOLUNTARY WAIVER OF TIME LIMITS

WHEREAS a complaint has been filed by Richard White against Anthony Scinto bearing 1-2020, which complaint is dated May 28, 2020 and was received by the Ethics Commission on May 29, 2020, and whereas the Ethics Commission and Anthony Scinto have discussed, and agreed to a postponement of the hearing to be held in regard to said complaint; and whereas certain deadlines may or will expire for the Ethics Commission to act pursuant to the Trumbull Code of Ethics, Sec. 2-2b1 et seq. and the Town Charter § 17j.

Therefore it is agreed that Anthony Scinto hereby knowingly and voluntarily agrees to waive, and by his signature below, does waive the application of any and all deadlines for the Ethics Commission to act, conduct hearings, to issue its final decision, action and any sanction and any other action it may need to take without reservation of any type.

Dated: August 17, 2020

[Signature]

Anthony Scinto