

**Trumbull Ethics Commission
Hearing in Public
Conducted Via Public Zoom Call
October 5, 2020**

MINUTES

The October 5, 2020 Trumbull Ethics Commission proceeding was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Attendees

Members present:

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

Also present:

Attorney James Nugent, Counsel to Commission
William Chin, Director of Information Technology, Town of Trumbull
The Complainant
Attorney Jeffrey Donofrio, Counsel to the Respondent

Preliminary Address to Public By Chairman T. Lee

At 7:02 p.m. Chairman Lee opened the proceeding and greeted those in attendance.

Minutes of 8/17/20 Meeting

A motion was made by Chairman Lee, and seconded by Commissioner Walkley, to approve the Minutes of the 8/17/20 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 introduced a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lubin, to delay consideration of the complaint due to a conflict with the October 5 meeting of the Trumbull Town Council, of which the Respondent, Tony Scinto, is a member, and in hopes that a meeting in person rather than via Zoom call might be possible at a later date.

Chairman Lee opened the motion for discussion. The Commissioners discussed setting a date in November for the Hearing in Public.

The Complainant, Richard W. White, acknowledged the desire of the Commission to hold the Hearing in Public in person but expressed concerns about delays. He noted that the Trumbull Town Council passed its budget via Zoom call, and that other boards and commissions have taken action via Zoom calls.

Attorney Jeffrey Donofrio, Counsel to the Respondent, said the Respondent would prefer to have the Hearing in Public in person, but understands the need to potentially hold a hearing via Zoom call, if health concerns continue to preclude in-person meetings.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lubin that the Commission set November 17, 2020 at 7 p.m. as the date and time for a Hearing in Public to consider complaint #1-2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walkley and carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to consider, upon motion by the Chairman Lee, and seconded by Commissioner Walkley, the meeting of the Trumbull Ethics Commission adjourned by unanimous consent of the Commissioners present at 7:16 p.m.

Recorded and submitted,
Commissioner Charles Slack, Secretary
Dated: October 8, 2020