

Town of Hebron
Ethics Study Committee
June 2, 2010
Regular Meeting
Town Office Meeting Room

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Members Present: Charles Redfern, Robert Zamojcin, Ann Hughes, Linda Blakeley, Peter Moon, R. Menn, McGrath (7:16), Donna Ferree, Elaine Griffin

Members Absent: Stan Marchut

Staff Present: None

Chairman, R. Zamojcin called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: C. Redfern motioned to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2010 meeting with the following changes:

- Page 3, first paragraph, third sentence: E. Griffin produced the HBOE handbook, not A. Hughes
- Page 3, fifth paragraph: Change "in the last sentence under Section V. Gifts." to "wherever it currently appears in the draft code"
- E. Griffin offered to provide the proper spelling of Harvey Desruisseaux's name.

P. Moon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of comments on Draft Code (including Commission Establishment Example):

A. Hughes led a review of the draft code as revised in accordance with the May 19, 2010 meeting, noting that a severability clause was also included for members review. E. Griffin inquired if the date should be removed and left blank, as the code was not yet adopted. R. Zamojcin noted that it was intended to represent a placeholder but suggested it be replaced with a blank line.

After board members briefly discussed possible grammatical changes to the Commission Establishment Example, R. Zamojcin stated that he would prefer the board not critique the content, as it is meant to serve as an example. Citing the same reason, he also expressed a preference not to include it as part of the code but to distinguish it separately. A. Hughes offered to separate the two documents and renumber them accordingly, and to provide a copy to E. Griffin for the preparation of a packet for the BOS.

Discussion of the draft Acknowledgement Form for the Code:

The board reviewed the proposed Code Acknowledgement Form and accepted it as presented.

Pro & Con Recommendation Document for BOS:

G. McGrath questioned the use of the term "extensive" to describe the possible costs of complaints after forming a commission, as it could possibly prevent costs as well. D. Ferree suggested clarifying that the potential cost could be increased or decreased, when making the presentation. A brief discussion ensued during which board members agreed to leave the language as it appears in the draft letter prepared by R. Zamojcin.

Schedule BOS presentation:

E. Griffin offered to put the committee on the agenda for the June 17, 2010 Board of Selectmen meeting, and noted that once A. Hughes provides an updated code to include changes discussed at this meeting, an agenda packet would be prepared and distributed to Town Manager Bonnie Therrien and the Board of Selectmen in time for them to review the information prior to the meeting.

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New Business: There was no new business to discuss.

R. Zamojcin requested that all board members be notified once the committee is on the BOS agenda, and requested that committee members be in attendance for support.

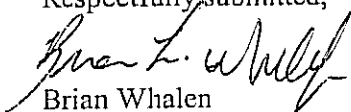
The board discussed and agreed that with a presentation to the BOS imminent, there would not be a need to have a meeting on June 16, 2010 as scheduled. A. Hughes will publicly post that the Regular Meeting of the Ethics Study Committee scheduled for June 16, 2010 has been cancelled.

The board briefly discussed the possible impact that future charter revisions could have and how changes could correlate to the mission of the Ethics Study Committee.

Adjourn

A. Hughes motioned to adjourn the meeting. G. McGrath seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Brian Whalen
Board Clerk