

MINUTES

Ethics Commission December 7, 2009

The Ethics Commission conducted a regular meeting on Monday, December 7, 2009 in Room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06615 pursuant to notice duly posted.

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Susan Birge called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Presiding: Chairperson Susan Birge

Commission members in attendance: Susan Birge, Everett Sussman, Jack Golden, Roger Salls

Absent: Stephen Biley, Daniel Rodriguez

Also in attendance: George Mulligan

II. Approval of minutes

Chairperson Birge deferred approval of the October 5, 2009 minutes until the next regular meeting.

III. Update on Ethics Code

- Citizen's Guide: updated version has been uploaded to the Town's web as well as copies given to the Town Clerk
- Complaint Form: updated version has been uploaded to the Town's web as well as copies given to the Town Clerk
- Acknowledgement Form: Chairperson Birge will be meeting with Town Clerk Pawluk and Town Webmaster David Wright to develop an electronic web-based mechanism for acknowledgement of agreeing to uphold the Code of Ethics
- Training: The Ethics Commission will approach Mayor Harkins with a proposal for the Town of Stratford to host a Workshop on Ethics by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities.

IV. Commission membership

There are currently three vacancies on the Ethics Commission. Chairperson Birge will recommend to Mayor Harkins the reappointment of Commissioner Jack Golden and the appointment of Alternate Roger Salls as a Commissioner. The Ethics Commission will also put out a press release encouraging citizens to apply for membership to the Ethics Commission.

V. Election of Officers

Jack Golden made a motion to nominate and re-elect Susan Birge as Chairperson and Everett Sussman as Vice Chairperson. Roger Salls seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The commission deferred election of Secretary.

VI. Meeting schedule for 2010

The commission set their regular meetings for 3/10/10, 6/7/10, 10/4/10, and 12/6/10.

VII. Complaints received on or before December 7, 2009

There were no complaints received.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Jack Golden, seconded by Everett Sussman. The motion passed unanimously. Chairperson Susan Birge adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan N. Birge
Acting Secretary for Steve Biley

