



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

ETHICS COMMISSION

MINUTES MIDDLEBUY ETHICS COMMISSION Monday, April 28, 2014 – 5:30 p.m. Town Hall Conference Room

Present: Raymond Sullivan, Chairman
Mary C. Bulkovitch
Patricia Fahey
Arlene McAuliffe

Also Present: Attorney Robert Smith
Barbara Whitaker, Recording Clerk

Excused Vincent Graziano
Absent:

Call to Order with Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes of January 27, 2014 Meeting

These minutes will be approved at the next Ethics Commission meeting.

Discussion and Consideration

Town Attorney's Comments in Review of Code of Ethics

Attorney Robert Smith explained to the Commission that he had reviewed their proposed Code of Ethics several times. He explained that every employee in town has an union agreement or an appointed or elected agreement. It would prohibit people from providing services to the Town being paid than for people who volunteer for the time.

There was some discussion on financial interests creating a conflict.

Attorney Smith added that he felt that the proposed Rules and Regulations needed no correction. Attorney Smith explained that the Board of Selectmen has the authority to adopt ordinances. He added that something that may be controversial should be brought before a vote of the residents. Revisions to the ordinance; adding a procedure doesn't have to go to a town meeting. The original code of ethics should go to a Town meeting.

Mrs. Fahey MOTIONED to accept the proposed changes, SECONDED by Mrs. McAuliffe. Unanimous approval.

Adjournment

Mrs. Fahey Motioned to move the proposed code of ethics, regulations and complaint form onto the Board of Selectmen; SECONDED by Arlene McAuliffe.

Dr. Sullivan MOTIONED to adjourn, SECONDED by Mrs. Fahey. Unanimous approval.

These minutes are submitted subject to approval this 29th day of April 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Whitaker

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