



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK

Ethics Commission

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY JANUARY 18, 2018

The Ethics Commission met on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Acton Library

1. **Call to Order:** Acting Chair K. E. Knobelsdorff called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Members present: D. E. Hunt, P. A. Ladd, M. J. Lewandowski.
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Special Meeting Minutes, December 14, 2017:
Motion (Hunt/Ladd): Approved.
3. **Comments from the Public:** None
4. **New Business:** Mr. Lewandowski mentioned that he changed procedural order to address administrative matters within Acton Library time limit.
 - a. Election of officers: In absence of elected chair, tabled to next meeting.
 - b. Reconsideration of Regular Meeting time and location: Acton Library has a “hard” 8:00 pm closure. With 7:00 pm meeting time, Commission must continue extended discussion at a subsequent meeting. This has impacted Code revision discussion at previous meetings, and should future business include Complaint or Advisory Opinion actions, a single item could require multiple, one-hour meetings. Mr. Lewandowski to look into alternate town facility locations that do not have an 8:00 pm closure/time limit.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Review and discuss feedback and comments received from consulting attorneys on proposed revisions to Code of Ethics and “Procedures for complaints and advisory opinions.” Commission completed discussion of “gift” provisions (§ 23-5); with consensus, decided not to include “fines and penalties,” but did not discuss “appeals” before library staff advised commission of 8:00 p.m. closure. Further discussion tabled until next meeting.
6. **Adjournment: Motion (Lewandowski/Knobelsdorff): Approved.** Adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Next scheduled Regular Meeting: April 19, 2018, 7:00 pm. Acton Library

Submitted: M. J. Lewandowski