

ETHICS COMMISSION  
Bethel Municipal Center  
1 School Street, Bethel, CT 06801

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
Thursday, April 28, 2016  
Bethel Municipal Center, Meeting Room A

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**Present:** Commissioner Raymond Guercio, Commissioner Laura Patricio, Commissioner Janice Patzold, and Commissioner Jenny Tesar, Commissioner Valenti.

Also present for part of the meeting, appearing at 7:07 p.m.: The defendant in Complaint C-2016-001.

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Minutes:** The reading of the minutes of the August 3, 2015 meeting was waived. The minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Tesar and seconded by Commissioner Patzold. (Commissioners Valenti and Patricio abstained.)

**Consideration of Complaint C-2016-001.** A motion to go into Executive Session, made by Commissioner Patzold and seconded by Commissioner Guercio, was approved unanimously. The defendant spoke with the Commission for approximately one-half hour about the complaint. Commissioner Guercio clarified that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to determine if there is *probable cause* that a violation of the Town's Code of Ethics has occurred. Commissioner Guercio further explained that should the Commission determine that there is *probable cause* and vote to accept the Complaint, the defendant and any other persons involved in the matter will be so notified and will have an opportunity to speak at a follow-up meeting.

Following the departure of the defendant, the Commissioners discussed the Complaint and how it falls under the authority granted us by the Code of Ethics.

A motion to come out of Executive Session, made by Commissioner Tesar and seconded by Commissioner Patzold, was approved unanimously.

A motion to accept the Complaint, made by Commissioner Patricio and seconded by Commissioner Patzold, was approved unanimously.

A motion to continue tonight's meeting to May 4, 2016 at 7 p.m., made by Commissioner Tesar and seconded by Commissioner Guercio, was approved unanimously.

**Adjournment:** Commissioner Guercio made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Patzold, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jenny Eliz Tesar*

Jenny Tesar, Secretary  
April 28, 2016

