



**TOWN OF BETHEL
ETHICS COMMISSION
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center
1 School Street, Bethel, CT 06801**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, May 19, 2016
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, Senior Center**

Present: Commissioner Raymond Guercio, Commissioner Janice Patzold, Commissioner Jenny Tesar, and Commissioner Dina Valenti.

Also present: Frank Ventrella and Martin J. Lawlor, Jr.

Absent: Commissioner Laura Patricio.

Call to Order: Commissioner Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes: Commissioner Guercio made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Valenti, that the reading of the minutes of the May 11, 2016 meeting be waived. The motion was approved unanimously. The minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Commissioner Valenti and seconded by Commissioner Patzold.

Consideration of Complaint C-2016-001

Following a discussion of the official finding of fact, the Commissioners drafted a letter of conclusion to be sent to the Board of Selectmen. A motion to approve the factual findings and conclusions as presented in the letter, a copy of which is attached hereto, was made by Commissioner Tesar, seconded by Commissioner Patzold, and approved unanimously.

A motion to authorize Commissioner Guercio, the Chairman of the Commission, to send this letter to the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Ethics Commission was made by Commissioner Valenti and seconded by Commissioner Patzold; it was approved unanimously.

This terminates the Commission's consideration of Complaint C-2016-001.

Adjournment: Commissioner Patzold made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Valenti, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Eliz Tesar

Jenny Tesar, Secretary

Attachment: Letter addressed to the Town of Bethel Board of Selectmen dated May 19, 2016

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RE: File C-2016-001

Sirs:

After reviewing all the data in the above-referenced complaint against Mr. Frank Ventrella, and after careful consideration that included: a probable cause hearing, a hearing at which Mr. Ventrella had the opportunity to question witnesses as to their statements included in the complaint, and direct testimony from Mr. Ventrella, the Ethics Commission unanimously (four members present) finds that Mr. Ventrella has violated §C9-3 of the Town Charter.

The Commission arrived at the decision that Mr. Ventrella violated §C9-3 of the Charter by his own admission that he never advised the Board of Selectmen that he was conducting business on behalf of the Town with a company run and owned by his son, who lives at the same address as Mr. Ventrella.

At the present time, the Ethics Commission is not making a recommendation relating to the disposition of this matter. The Commission is leaving the same to the Board of Selectmen.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Raymond Guercio in cursive script, with the initials 'RGS' written below the signature.

Raymond Guercio
Chairman, Town of Bethel Ethics Commission

cc: Frank Ventrella
Robert Kozlewski
Beth Cavagna
Martin J. Lawlor, Jr.