

Colchester Ethics Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 2, 2008
Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave, Colchester
First Selectman's Conference Room – 7:00p.m.

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Members present: Chair Genea Bell, Robert Esteve, Thomas Cleary, Jacqueline Tweddell
Members absent: Dan Hederson
Staff present: Audrie Evans, Clerk

1. Called to order at 7:03p.m.
2. Public comment: None
3. Discussion of email addresses:

Chairman Bell informed the committee members they need to use their town email addresses, no further communications will be distributed to personal email addresses. Chairman Bell also advised that these accounts should be checked at least once a week.

4. Correspondences:

A) Request from Selectman Linda Hodge for an advisory opinion regarding whether a Town employee's testimony as part of a litigation between the Town and a client of that employee's private company creates a conflict of interest, even if the testimony is favorable to the town. The commission discussed Article 53-9 E (2) as it applies to the request.

Motion by R. Esteve that the interpretation of Article 53-9 E (2) best addresses this issue in the letter from the Ethics Commission dated June 2, 2008.

2nd by T. Cleary

Vote carried unanimously.

Chairman Bell will send a written reply to Selectman Hodge directing her to the letter previously mentioned.

B) Request from Selectman Hodge for an advisory opinion regarding a request from the Town's Director of Parks and Recreation's personal business relationship with a company that seeks to enter into a contract with Parks and Recreation creates a conflict of interest. The commission decided they did not have enough information from Jason Cohen, Director of Parks and Recreation, to develop an opinion. The commission decided that R. Esteve would send a written request to J. Cohen inquiring of further information. No further action will be taken until the information is received.

5. Meeting adjourned at 7:57p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Audrie Evans
Clerk