New Durham Ethics Committee

session

Date: May 24, 2014, Additional

Present: D. Veisel, Chair; C. Allen, Vice Chair; E. Phillips, J. Swenson, M. Haley, Secretary

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| **Topic** | **Discussion** | **Follow-Up** |
| Call to Order 5:15PM | Dabid |  |
| Motion to Seek Legal Counsel | Regarding the inquiry from Mr. David Bickford to Paul Sanderson, Staff Attorney, NH Municipal Association. Mr. Bickford inquires as to the consistency of the town report and minutes of the previous meetings. It is noted that Mr. Bickford did not note in the letter that some of the issues he raises (duty to disclose, duty to recuse) were part of an educational training under discussion by Ethics Committee members.  MSH asks what it is that Mr Bickford really wants to know.  Cost of counsel discussed (this committee has extremely limited funds)  Joan S feels that it can do no harm to seek advice of counsel, especially since the issue has already been raised.  Motion to seek counsel made by Joan S, seconded by Ellen P. Passed unanimously. | Dot Viesel will arrange for the meeting |
| Changes in Rules of Procedure | Page 2, Section F, i: the words: ‘heard, discussed or voted upon’ changed to ‘heard or discussed’.  Page 2, Section VI, second paragraph, first sentence:  Change ‘counsel’ to read counsel, information or advice  Page 3, continuation of paragraph from page 2. Add the sentence ‘The nature of each inquiry will be recorded by the secretary to be used as documentation in the Annual Report’.  Motion to accept the changes made by Joan S, seconded by Monica H. Passed unanimously. | Dot will update the official document |
| Election of Officers | Joan makes a motion that we remain the same for another year. Seconded by Monica. Passed unanimously | None |
| Motion to Adjourn: 6:10 | Made by Ellen, seconded by Joan, passed |  |
| Next Meeting, June 10, 2014 7PM |  | Respectfully Submitted,  Monica Haley |