

New Durham Ethics Committee

Date: February 26, 2015

Present: D. Viesel, Chair; C. Allen, M. Haley, Secretary, Joan Swenson

Excused: Ellen Phillips

Topic	Discussion	Follow-Up
Call to Order: 7:15		
Public Input	none	
Minutes of January 13, 2015 Meeting	Motion to approve by Carol voted, Monica seconded, Joan abstained – Passed.	
New Business	None	
<p>Old Business</p> <p>Purpose of Ethicist and role of Committee</p> <p>Discussion with Ethicist, Marc Hiller</p>	<p>Discussion ensued about clarifying the information we would like from an ethicist. True purpose of the committee discussed. We do not wish to present as anything other than what the true purpose/mission is, advisory and educational.</p> <p>Joan asks if the name of the committee is misleading to the townspeople. Do people expect more of a decision making process</p> <p>If a Citizen has a concern, with the Ethics serving as only an advisory role, the committee can offer resources or provide options for the citizen.</p> <p>Committee members express concern that people don't understand this role. How to best explain it to the public? What is the educational piece?</p> <p>How do other town Ethics committees</p>	

	<p>function?</p> <p>Decided that Monica will contact Prof. Hiller, check for his availability, determine if he can provide a limited educational seminar on other town ethics committees roles/functions.</p>	<p>By Monica</p>
<p>Next meeting: Tuesday, March 10th , 7PM Library</p>		
<p>Adjourned, 8:05 PM</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn by Carol, seconded by Monica, motion passed.</p>	
		<p>Respectfully Submitted</p> <p>Monica Haley, Secretary</p>