

New Durham Ethics Committee

Date: May 12, 2015

Present: D. Viesel, Chair; C. Allen, M. Haley, Secretary, Ellen Phillips

Excused: Joan Swenson

Topic	Discussion	Follow-Up
Call to Order: 7:00		
Public Input	none	
Minutes of April 14, 2015 Meeting	Approved as edited. Motion by Carol to accept, seconded by Dot, Ellen abstained. Motion passed.	Monica to amend and resubmit for posting
New Business	The Ethics meeting for 5/26 was canceled due to schedule conflict with the presenter, Marc Hiller. The regular meeting is being held tonight. The educational session will be rescheduled.	
Old Business	Dot asked Carole (Town Clerk) if the current Ethics policy is on the website – she agreed it is. Dot asked Jeremy if the Ethics policy is distributed to all new employees. Jeremy could not confirm that the current Ethics policy is distributed to all new employees. He replied “It should have been, but I cannot confirm that 100%”. Ellen will revisit Sandown and Merrimack for other town Ethics committee. Dot was notified by Selectman Anthes that the Board of Selectmen has an opinion of an attorney which “indicates that no more than	

	<p>one member of the Ethics Committee can be serving elsewhere in the Town".</p> <p>The intent of the policy is to not exclude public servants, who are not other wise department heads or on the Board of Selectmen, who may wish to volunteer for the Ethics Committee.</p> <p>Wording is changed from : "one member may be a public servant": to "members may be public servants".</p> <p>Ellen makes a motion to accept a revision concerning the ambiguity of language. Carol Seconded, motion passed.</p> <p>Monica suggested we meet on an "as needed" basis as written in the Rules of Procedure.</p> <p>Dot will request placement of Board of Selectman to review the corrected language.</p>	
<p>Next meeting: June 9, 2015 7PM</p>	<p>Meetings will occur in July and August as needed.</p>	
<p>Adjourned, 7:50 PM</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn by Carol, seconded by Ellen, motion passed.</p>	
		<p>Respectfully Submitted Monica Haley, Secretary</p>