

ETHICS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 20, 2011

Present at the meeting were Julia Kushigian-Secor, Jane Coville, Louisa Miner, Kristin Pfefferkorn, and Atul Shah; David Cavasino and Patricia Collins were excused.

Chairperson Julia Kushigian-Secor called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

First on the agenda was approval of the March minutes. Kristin Pfefferkorn moved that the minutes be approved, Jane Coville seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

The only item of correspondence to review was the year to date expenditures of the Commission.

Under old business, the Chairperson reported that she had forwarded copies of that anonymous letter written to the Commission to the Town Attorney, First Selectman and Moderator of the RTM. She also had a telephone conversation with the Town Attorney. He told her that the Statutes refer to an employee not being able to serve on the Board of Finance. He also stated that the person serving has to follow the Ethics laws of the Board on which he or she serves.

The Town Attorney followed up that conversation with a letter to the Commission giving further legal background regarding the issues raised in the letter. He also enclosed a copy of the Connecticut General Statutes, Section 7-421 in his letter. The Statute states in pertinent part that: “any municipal employee shall have the right to serve on any governmental body of the town in which such employee resides except . . . any board of finance . . .”. His legal opinion was that the Commission should take no formal action on the matter as the “anonymous letter” does not comply with the Town Ordinance regarding a formal ethics complaint under the Commission’s jurisdiction.

There were no other items of old business.

There were no items of new business.

There being no further business, Kristen Pfefferkorn moved that the meeting be adjourned, Atul Shah seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Kunkel, Secretary