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Call to Order:

The January 22, 2020 Special Business Meeting of the Ethics Commission was called to order at 6:08 PM by Marty Zeldis, Chairman.

Present: Mark Burnham, Marty Zeldis, Betsy Ritter, Cindy Hersom (late arrival 6:12PM)
Excused: Olga Bush, Steve Garvin
Absent: Frank Mangel

Approval of Minutes:

M. Zeldis moved to approve the meeting minutes of the January 15, 2020 Special Meeting. B. Ritter seconded. The minutes as written were accepted (4-0).

M. Zeldis moved to approve the meeting minutes of the January 15, 2020 Regular Meeting. M. Burnham seconded. The minutes as written were accepted (4-0).

Old Business:

Item 3a:

1. M. Zeldis, Chairman, started the discussion related to the process for amending the Code 2.50. He stated that the commission should make an addition to the Code for a quorum requirement. Committee discussion ensued. It was determined that a revision and addition to section 2.50.040 would include the determined number of members to satisfy the quorum. The wording of the statement will begin with the “Notwithstanding” and be labeled subsection “C”. The complete paragraph will be completed at the next Special meeting.

2. M. Zeldis distributed a copy of an official Town of Groton Complaint of Violation of Code of Ethics Form to the members present. Discussion ensued. B. Ritter will compose a form for use when a Code of Ethics violation is presented to the Commission.

3. M. Zeldis stated the timeline for the continued revision of the Code. Two more sessions will be necessary for the revision – a meeting, or two, with the Town Attorney will complete the process before moving to the official presentation to the RTM.

Item 3b:

The Commission members continued the meeting with revising section 2.50.060.
1. Sub Section A – no revision.
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2. Sub Section B – revise as suggested.
3. Sub Section C - no revision.

Section 2.50.070.
1. Sub Section A - revise as suggested.
2. Sub Section B - revise as suggested.
3. Sub Section C - revise as suggested.
4. Sub Section D – no revision.

Date for the next Special Business meeting – February 5, 2020 at 6:00PM.

Adjournment:

At 8:00 PM B. Ritter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by M.Burnham, Unanimous decision (4-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey M. Tynan
Recording Secretary