

Town Of Preston Ethics Commission



2008 Annual Report

January 14, 2009



1. Introduction

This report is prepared for the Board of Selectmen pursuant to the requirements of the Preston Code of Ethics, section 1-4.E.(6), to provide an annual report on or before February 1st of each year.

This report covers the period from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

It was approved by the members of the Ethics Commission on January 14, 2009.

2. History

In 2004 the Board of Selectmen appointed a committee to draft a Code of Ethics for the Town of Preston. That committee, consisting of Joe Calcasola, Mike Clancy, Greg Keith, Pat Monahan, and Ed Thoma, completed its work in October 2005. The Town of Preston Code of Ethics was adopted by a Town Meeting on November 4, 2005.

The Code of Ethics was amended by a Town Meeting on February 2, 2006 to add a third alternate member.

3. Current Members

§ Regular Members

	<u>PARTY AFFILIATION</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Charles Fessenden	Democrat	January 1, 2010
Norman Gauthier	Republican	January 1, 2010
Bob Payette	Republican	January 1, 2012
Hank Podraza	Unaffiliated	January 1, 2011
Sylvia Carver	Unaffiliated	January 1, 2011

§ Alternate Members:

William Legler	Unaffiliated	January 1, 2011
Paige Woodruff	Republican	January 1, 2012

§ Investigator:

Jason Albrecht	Republican	January 1, 2011
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§ Officers for 2009

Chairman:	Bob Payette
Vice-chairman:	Hank Podraza
Secretary:	Norman Gauthier

4. Resignations: None



5. Appointments

Sylvia Carver	January 17, 2008
William Legler	May 23, 2008
Paige Woodruff	December 2008

6. Ethics Advisory opinions

None requested.
None pending.

7. Ethics Complaints

One complaint was accepted by the Commission. After completion of a public hearing, the Commission issued a finding that there was no violation of the Code. No other complaints are pending.

8. Training of covered personnel

Development of a training plan for persons covered by the Code is nearly complete. Training will begin in 2009.

Training of Ethics Commission members has started.

9. Meetings

Regular meetings of the Ethics Commission are scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month: Special meetings are called as needed.

Meeting minutes and other official records are filed with the Town Clerk.

10. Annual Budget

	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>
Budget	\$4,200.00	\$2,970.00

11. Bi-annual Review of Ethics Commission Ordinance

A bi-annual review of the Code of Ethics, as required by the Code, is in process with assistance from Atty. B. Chudwick. A revision to the Code of Ethics will be submitted to the Town for approval in 2009.

12. Approval

This 2008 Ethics Commission Annual Report is approved by the members of the Ethics Commission on January 14, 2009.

Bob Payette
Chairman

Norman Gauthier
Secretary