



Town of Preston Ethics Commission

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Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2009
Time & Place: 7:00 p.m. Preston Public Library Community Room
Attendees: Hank Podraza; Norman Gauthier; Sylvia Carver; Charles Fessenden;
Bill Legler; Paige Woodruff
Absent: Robert Payette; Jason Albrecht

Minutes

1. Call to order at 7:05 P.M. by vice-chair Hank Podraza
2. Roll call: four regular and two alternate members present.
The chair seated alternate P. Woodruff for R. Payette.
3. H. Podraza provided a summary of the municipal ethics training seminar sponsored by the CCM that he attended earlier in the day. He highlighted some potential conflicts in the penalty section of the Preston Code of Ethics with State law and accepted practices.
4. Review & accept minutes of February 11, 2009.
Accepted as written by unanimous consent.
5. The application of Gale Ennis for appointment to the Commission was presented by N. Gauthier. He stated that she meets all the qualifications for appointment. It was noted that her father is a Town Employee. N. Gauthier made a motion that the Commission recommend that the Board of Selectmen appoint her to a three-year term as an alternate member. Seconded by S. Carver. Unanimous vote in favor.
6. Correspondence: None
7. Secretary N. Gauthier distributed copies of the Code as modified with all the comments provided. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.
8. Public Comment
Al and Caron Wunderlich discussed the employee situation at the bus garage and asked if the Ethics Commission was taking or planning any action. They were advised by H. Podraza and other members, that the Commission is not currently taking any action but would respond appropriately if a complaint were to be filed.
Al Wunderlich presented the Commission with a copy of his letter to the Board of Education.
9. Adjourn at 8:20 P.M.

Submitted,

/s/ Norman J. Gauthier

Norman J. Gauthier
Secretary