



OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE CHESAPEAKE BEACH ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING JANUARY 20, 2022

Commission Members Present: Phillip Kete, Chair
Ingrid Lamb
Peter Feuerle

Staff Members Present: Fred Sussman, Commission Counsel
Sharon L. Humm, Commission Clerk

The virtual meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. Those listed as present participated in all portions of the meeting unless otherwise noted. If other individuals participated in aspects of the meeting, they will be identified in the specific line item where their participation occurred.

Item 1: **Approval of Agenda.**

Discussion: The draft agenda was presented.

Decision: The Commission unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

Commissioner Feuerle suggested adding an agenda item that would allow for a matter to be added to the agenda for discussion that is not currently listed.

Item 2: **Approval of the minutes of the December 1, 2021 Ethics Commission Meeting.**

Discussion: The draft minutes of the December 1, 2021 Ethics Commission meeting were presented.

Decision: The Commission unanimously approved the December 1, 2021 Ethics Commission meeting minutes.

Item 3: **Consider points made at the Town Council's January 11, 2022 Work Session, consideration of proposed amendments to the Ethics Ordinance.**

Discussion: Chairman Kete stated he attended, and presented, the Commission's proposed amendments at the January Town Council work session and addressed noted concerns from the Council. Section §25-23 Employment and financial interest restrictions, and Section §25-35 Fees for failure to timely file financial reports, were of most concern.

Mayor Mahoney and Councilman Jaworski were present to convey comments on these amendments for the Commission to consider.

Decision: The Commission will take into consideration comments received and defer decisions on these amendments until its next meeting.

Item 4: **Discuss whether the ordinance should be amended regarding the employment of children of Town officials.**

Discussion: Chairman Kete stated the Commission needs to make clear, one way or the other, if children of Town officials can or cannot be employed by the Water Park and amend the ordinance accordingly.
Mayor Mahoney shared some historical insight with the Commission on this matter.

Decision: The Commission will defer its decision until its next meeting.

Item 5: **Status of disclosures required from former officials.**

Discussion: Chairman Kete stated, under Section 25-32(3) of the Ethics ordinance, that an individual that leaves his/her position with the Town for which a disclosure statement is required, shall file a statement within 60 days after leaving the office.

Decision: The Commission reviewed and unanimously approved the following submitted disclosure statements of:
Derek Favret
David Ferguson
Jeff Larsen

Chairman Kete suggested a form similar to the above closeout form be included in the 2021 disclosure statement that would allow for any official leaving office, to complete and certify of any or no changes to his/her disclosure as submitted.

Item 6: **Schedule next Meeting.** The Commission will meet again on February 2, 2022 at 1 pm.

Item 7: **Comments by Commissioners and members of the public.**

1. Commissioner Lamb thanked the Mayor and Council members for their participation in the meeting.
2. Councilwoman Hartman inquired if the Commission could define, under Section §25-23(B)(1), “that an entity is subject to the authority of the Town”, what the term “authority of the Town” means.

The Commission will consult with Counsel and Town staff and address this at its next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:38 pm.

Submitted by:

Sharon L. Humm
Town Clerk