



## **OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF THE CHESAPEAKE BEACH ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 2022**

**Commission Members Present:** Peter Feuerle, Chair  
Gregory Kernan  
Farhad Safaie

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

The 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.

**Item 2:**        **Approval of the minutes of the September 22, 2022 Ethics Commission Meeting.**

**Discussion:**    The draft minutes of the September 22, 2022 Ethics Commission meeting were presented.

**Decision:**        The Commission unanimously approved the September 22, 2022 Ethics Commission meeting minutes.

**Item 3:**        **Review Public Disclosure Statements of two new Town appointed officials.**

**Discussion:**    The Commission reviewed public disclosure statements from two newly appointed officials. Kelly Hahn appointed to the Planning Commission and Stephen Sharp appointed to the Board of Appeals.

**Decision:**        The Commission unanimously approved both public disclosure statements.

**Item 4:**        **Status of the State mandated amendments of the Ethics Ordinance.**

**Discussion:**    Chair Feuerle stated he was present at the Town Council's work session this month to present and discuss the State mandated amendments to the Town's Ethics Ordinance. There was no objection from the Council to the proposed changes.

**Decision:** Mr. Feuerle will draft a letter to the State Ethics Commission and the Clerk will transmit it, along with a copy of the draft ordinance, to the State for review and approval. Once the Commission receives State approval it will submit the ordinance to the Town Council for introduction and consideration.

**Item 5:** **Status of the Commission's own proposed amendment of the Ordinance.**

**Discussion:** Mr. Feuerle stated this proposal was also discussed at the Town Council's work session. No comments or objections were received.

**Decision:** Mr. Feuerle asked Counsel Sussman to take the Commission's proposal of amendments and incorporate in the form of an ordinance for the Commission to review.

**Item 6:** **Action plan to update the annual public disclosure statements.**

**Discussion:** Mr. Feuerle stated the Commission has the task before them to review and revise its current public disclosure forms to incorporate State mandates, and to modify to make the forms more user-friendly.

**Decision:** Counsel stated he worked with another municipality, which has completed a public disclosure statement form that includes the state mandated changes. He would like to circulate this model to the Commission to review which could be of help in modifying the town's own disclosure forms.

**Item 7:** **Any additional matter for discussion.** It was noted that the revised disclosure statement forms should be completed and presented to Town staff by February if possible.

**Item 8:** **Schedule next Meeting.** The Commission will meet again on December 8, 2022 at 1 pm.

**Item 9:** **Comments by Commissioners and members of the public.** Mr. Feuerle gave a little trivia for the day stating; legend has it, that on this date, November 18<sup>th</sup>, in the year 1307, William Tell shot an apple off the head of his young boy.

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 pm.

Submitted by:

Sharon L. Humm  
Town Clerk