



CHESAPEAKE BEACH ETHICS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE CHESAPEAKE BEACH ETHICS COMMISSION April 24, 2019

Commission Members Present: Phillip Kete, Chair
Ingrid Lamb
Michael Linsenbigler

Staff Members Present: Sharon L. Humm, Town Clerk
Frederick Sussman, Counsel

The meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. at the Chesapeake Beach Town Hall at 8200 Bayside Road, Chesapeake Beach, MD. 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 the minutes of the February 15, 2019 Ethics Commission meeting.

Discussion: The draft minutes of the February 15, 2019 Ethics Commission meeting were presented. The Commission requested the draft document that was presented at the beginning of the February 15, 2019 meeting with proposed changes shown in red be attached to the minutes.

Decision: The Commission unanimously approved the February 15, 2019 minutes.

Item 2: Public comments on agenda items, including suggestions of additional items for consideration. None received.

Item 3: Status of State review of proposed changes to Ethics ordinance.

Discussion: Board Counsel Sussman reported the State approved the proposed changes to the Ethics Ordinance. A letter confirming the approval will be forthcoming from the State.

Item 4: Discussion of pending request for an advisory opinion.

Discussion: Chair Kete reported he received a request for an advisory opinion from Councilman Greg Morris. Mr. Morris has been approached by the Town in regards to performing a service for the Town on one of their Moonlight Cruises. Mr. Morris is requesting the Commission provide an opinion as to whether this would be considered a conflict of interest.

Decision: After discussion, the Commission felt, in the absence of Mr. Morris, there were a number of questions/concerns that needed to be answered before a decision could be rendered.

Chair Kete will reach out to Mr. Morris and the Commission will address this item at its next scheduled meeting.

Item 5: Discussion of process for reviewing financial disclosures, including how to deal with requests for additional time.

Discussion: Chair Kete stated that all financial disclosure statement forms are due by April 30th. The Commission suggested, as previously done in the prior year, that Ms. Humm submit all statements via email to the Commission members for review. A request by an appointed official, who is out of the country, has requested additional time to remit his statement upon his return.

Decision: Ms. Humm will email all financial disclosure statements to the Commission for review. The Commission granted the additional time request to the appointed official without penalty.

Item 6: Comments by Commissioners and members of the public. In light of Administrative Professionals Day the Commission thanked Ms. Humm for her work with the Commission.

Item 7: Scheduling of next meeting. The next meeting will be scheduled for May 6, 2019 beginning at 1 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p. m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sharon L. Humm".

Sharon L. Humm,
Town Clerk