



## **OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF THE CHESAPEAKE BEACH ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING MARCH 9, 2023**

**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 January 27, 2023 Ethics Commission Meeting.**

**Discussion:**    The draft minutes of the January 27, 2023 Ethics Commission meeting were presented.

**Decision:**      The Commission unanimously approved the January 27, 2023 Ethics Commission meeting minutes.

**Item 3:**            **Status of the State mandated amendment to the Ethics Ordinance and Commission's own amendment proposal.**

**Discussion:**    Chairman Feuerle reported the State mandated amendment to the Ethics Ordinance was introduced at the February Town Council meeting. A public hearing has been set for the March Council meeting and the Council will consider approval. The Commission's own amendment proposal was sent to the Town Attorney for review, and hearing no objection, the next step is to send off to the State Ethics Commission for their review and comment.

**Item 4:**            **Review and discussion of the revised disclosure statement.**

**Discussion:**    The Commission reviewed the latest draft disclosure statement. Mr. Feuerle stated he had made several minor edits which he presented to the Commission. Along with Mr. Feuerle's

revisions, several other revisions were recommended by other members. The Commission also reviewed comments presented by the Town Administrator. Commissioner Safaie commented, if possible, the definition/explanation language for “attributable interest” be revised to better understand, as the current language is a bit confusing. Counsel Sussman stated the language in the disclosure is State required but offered to contact the State and discuss further and circle back to the Commission.

**Decision:** The Commission unanimously agreed to all the revisions and Mr. Feuerle will incorporate them and send out to the Commission for a final review.

**Item 5:** **Any additional matter for discussion.** None.

**Item 6:** **Schedule the next Meeting.** The Commission will meet again on May 11, 2023 at 1 pm.

Note: Once all completed disclosure statements have been received, the Clerk will forward to Counsel Sussman for a review summary which will be distributed to Commission for their review.

**Item 7:** **Comments by Commissioners and members of the public.** Chairman Feuerle commented a week from today will be St Patrick’s Day, a day where every American is entitled to become an honorary Irishman for the day. Also, the day when the osprey is due back to their roost here in town.

The meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm.

Submitted by:

Sharon L. Humm  
Town Clerk