

GLASTONBURY ETHICS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019, 7:00 PM  
MEETING ROOM A, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR TOWN HALL  
2155 MAIN STREET, GLASTONBURY

INSTR # 2019000420  
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TOWN CLERK  
GLASTONBURY CT

**1. Roll Call**

*Present*

Angela Bull, Chairman  
James Hagen, Vice Chairman  
James Estrada  
Al Herzog  
Anthony Gesnaldo, Alternate  
Nancy Thomas, Alternate {excused}  
Brooke Oppenheimer {excused}

Also present was Attorney for the Commission, Jean D'Aquila. Chairman Bull appointed Commissioner Gesnaldo as a voting member. After elections were conducted, James Hagen presided as Chair of the Commission, and Angela Bull as Vice Chairman.

**2. Review and approval of minutes from previous meeting, December 10, 2018**

*Motion By:* Commissioner Gesnaldo

*Seconded By:* Commissioner Estrada

Moved that the Glastonbury Ethics Commission approve the minutes as submitted for the Regular Meeting held December 10, 2018.

*Result:* Motion passes unanimously (5-0-0).

**3. Election of Officers**

*Nomination by:* Chairman Bull

*Seconded by:* Commissioner Gesnaldo

Vice Chairman James Hagen for Chairman of the Glastonbury Ethics Commission.

Hearing no further nominations, Chairman Bull closed nominations.

*Result:* Vice Chairman Hagen was elected Chairman by the following vote (4-0-1).

*For:* Commissioners Gesnaldo, Herzog, Estrada, Bull

*Abstain:* Vice Chairman Hagen

*Nomination by:* Commissioner Gesnaldo

*Seconded by:* Vice Chairman Hagen

Chairman Angela Bull for Vice Chairman of the Glastonbury Ethics Commission.

Commissioner Gesnaldo expressed interest in the Vice Chairman position but could not apply as an Alternate member. Attorney D'Aquila stated that the Town Council would have to instate the Commissioner as a regular member first.

Commissioner Bull abstained from arbitration. Hearing no further nominations, Chairman Hagen closed nominations.

*Result:* Chairman Bull was elected Vice Chairman by the following vote (4-0-1).

*For:* Commissioners Gesnaldo, Herzog, Estrada, Hagen

*Abstain:* Chairman Bull

#### **4. Organizational matters: Dates for 2019 meetings and January 2020**

Vice Chairman Bull reviewed proposed meeting dates for 2019 and January 2020 and they were accepted without objection.

2019:

Feb 13  
Mar 11  
Apr 10 (Wed)  
May 13  
Jun 10  
Jul 8  
Aug 14 (Wed)  
Sep 9  
Oct 15 (Tue)  
Nov 12 (Tue)  
Dec 9

2020:

Jan 13

#### **5. View Ethics training video**

Vice Chairman Bull explained that all members of the Commission must review the training video this year, which is available on YouTube. After watching the training video, the commissioners discussed. Commissioner Gesnaldo said that he would recuse himself from a previous Town board he was a part of when a variance would come up. He also posed a question for Attorney D'Aquila: when he would ask for a variance, he was not sure if his colleagues would vote for it simply because he was on the Board. Attorney D'Aquila stated that he did not commit a violation. Vice Chairman Bull also wondered whether a fellow commissioner, at some point in time, had an issue they wanted to raise to the Ethics Commission but did not feel comfortable. Attorney D'Aquila stated that the person who submits the complaint cannot participate in the discussion, but all other commissioners present must.

#### **6. New business as presented**

Commissioner Estrada brought to the Commission's attention that an article was published in the Glastonbury Citizen newspaper on Thursday, January 10, 2018, based on the minutes of the December 10, 2018 meeting.

**7. Adjournment**

***Motion By:*** Chairman Hagen

***Seconded By:*** Commissioner Gesnaldo

Moved that the Glastonbury Ethics Commission adjourn its regular meeting of January 14, 2018 at 8:01 pm and meet again on Monday, February 11, 2019.

***Result:*** Motion passes unanimously (5-0-0).

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Lilly Torosyan**

**Angela Bull**

**Recording Clerk**

**Chairman**