

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
DURHAM ETHICS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 22, 2009

**I. Meeting was called to order** by Bob Fulton at 7:05 and the roll was called. **Present:** Bob Fulton, Joe Pasquale, Ellen Piotrowski, Margie Stahl and alternates Linda Maffei and Bruce Chaplin.. **Absent:** Dave Adams and Pat Kupcho

Due to the meeting notice not reaching the Town Clerk in the prescribed time, this meeting was limited to discussion only. Prior meeting minutes and election of officers for the 2009/2010 Commission year were not brought to a vote. These actions will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

The Chairman asked Ellen Piotrowski if she would be willing to be acting Secretary for the meeting. Joe Pasquale made a motion that Ellen Piotrowski be named as acting Secretary for the meeting. The motion was seconded by Linda Maffei and unanimously approved.

**II. Public Comment:** No members of the public were present.

**III. Discussion of the draft Code of Ethics for Durham**

**A.** Bob Fulton began by discussing the answers he received from Attorney Duncan Forsythe. The entire document was reviewed with the members in attendance. Several areas were discussed including the use of the term Probable Cause. Linda Maffei asked if there should be any wording regarding time limit or statute of limitations on bringing a complaint forward.

**B.** Bob Fulton began by reviewing the re-written sections of the draft code of ethics. This included sections 5-7. Bob stated that the wording changes and explanations put forth by Attorney Forsythe had been incorporated into this draft.

Bob Fulton asked that the group review the draft Code of Ethics and provide feedback.

The Chairman noted that at the 6/15/09 BOS meeting, the First Selectman asked if the Ethics Commission would have a proposed code to place on the agenda of the 10/5/2009 annual town meeting. The Chairman responded that the Commission would do it's best to do so.

As a result, the Chairman asked if members would be willing to hold as many special meetings as might be necessary to meet the 10/5/2009 goal. The members agreed that they would do so.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made at 8:05 by Margie Stahl and seconded by Linda Maffei. The motion was approved unanimously.