

February 26, 2015

Ethics Committee Meeting

An Ethics Committee meeting was held on February 25 to address the request for an advisory opinion on the propriety of a member of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) serving as a member of the Charter Revision Committee (CRC).

Chairman Gary Manderola called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm.

Ernest Petkovitch had requested the meeting and was in attendance. In addition to the Chairmen were committee members Heather V. L. Lee, alternate, Father Michael DeVito, alternate, Dennis Kreps, George R. Dalrymple Jr., Ellen S. Taylor Sterns and Carol B. Martin. Also attending were Ed McAnaney, First Selectman and Brian Fitzgerald, Selectman.

The question was: 1 Can a selectman serve on both the BOS and a CRC. 2 Can they vote on their own recommendation made when on the CRC when they are voting on that recommendation for the BOS.

Georg Dalrymple made a motion for a vote to ask: Is it ethical for someone sit on a committee and vote on something that might increase his authority. The motion was defeated three to two.

Denis Kreps made a motion for a vote to ask: If a member of the BOS can be appointed to be on a CRC. The vote passed with four in favor and one who abstained.

Denis Kreps then made a motion asking: Can a member of the BOS serving on the CRC vote on potential changes to the Town Charter regarding the duties or powers of the BOA. The motion was passed three to two.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol B. Martin
Carol B. Martin, Secretary