

Town of Weare Ethics Committee

December 6, 2023

Members Present:

Neal Kurk (NK), Wendy Curry (WC), Eileen Meaney (EM) Suzanne Couhie (SC)

Members Present via phone:

Luke Drake (LD)

1. Call to Order: 6:02pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reviewed agenda for 12/6/23
4. Reviewed minutes from the meeting held on 11/15/23.

SC made a motion and NK seconded to accept minutes as written.
Minutes accepted by unanimous vote.

5. Communication: Correspondence received. Copies provided to members.
A Request for Inquiry received.
Two questions regarding a process for a committee.
 1. An inquiry regarding if someone can be on a committee if they are an elected official?
 2. Would the Ethics Committee bring issues to the attention of other committees?

After each member read the content Chair moved to review if it met the standards set forth in process document to determine if it met criteria for Ethics Committee consideration.

After reading the content. NK asked the chair if he should recuse himself as the content of the letter was related to the Ethics Committee and the Weare Finance Committee. It was decided that he should recuse himself.

Some discussion was had regarding the content. It was determined that the EC would defer the writer to return to the source, in this case, the Town Moderator to vet their concerns. If the person who made the inquiry does not receive relief at that level, the Ethics Committee would then hear the complaint.

6. Meeting schedule: Meetings in December to be held the first and third Wednesday.

Meeting scheduled for 12/20 at 6:00pm- CANCELLED by Ethics Committee, due to demand for space. Meetings will be scheduled after January 2024- based on room availability.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen P. Meaney