

**ETHICS COMMITTEE**  
**TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR**

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**Caucus Room – South Windsor Town Hall**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The Clerk of the Council called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Members Present: Mayor Carolyn Mirek  
Deputy Mayor Jan Snyder  
Councilor Liz Pendleton

Also Present: Morris Borea, Town Attorney

**3. Election of Officers**

The Clerk of the Council asked for a nomination for Chairperson.

Mayor Mirek nominated Deputy Mayor Snyder as Chairperson. Councilor Pendleton seconded the nomination; and it was approved, unanimously.

Mayor Mirek recused herself from the discussion regarding the ethics referral.

**4. Ethics Referral**

Town Attorney Borea explained to the committee that when the Ethics Committee was established, there were no rules and regulations established, and because that was never done, the only authority the Ethics Committee has is to give an advisory opinion. In that opinion any and all names in the complaint need to be removed in order to protect the identity of any official, officer or employee involved. At a later date, the Ethics Committee is advised to establish rules and regulations. Town Attorney Borea stated that his recommendation would be to have the person making the complaint rephrase his request because in this request he is asking for a hearing which is not in the Ethics Committee's powers. Reviewing the allegations, there are a lot of items that have nothing to do with ethics

The Ethics Committee and Town Attorney Borea reviewed the ethics referral in its entirety. Many allegations were found to be based on hearsay, the accuracy of which could not be decided without a hearing. Chairperson Snyder noted that there were no exhibits or documents with the affidavit supporting any of the allegations.

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**ITEM:**

**4. Ethics Referral (*Continued*)**

Councilor Pendleton made a motion to dismiss the ethics complaint. Chairperson Snyder seconded the motion. Chairperson Snyder made a friendly amendment to add in “with no action”. Councilor Pendleton agreed to the friendly amendment.

The motion to read as follows: Dismiss the ethics complaint, with no action.

Chairperson Snyder called for a vote on the amended motion; it was approved, unanimously.

**5. Adjournment**

Councilor Pendleton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Chairperson Snyder seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deborah W. Reid  
Clerk of the Council