

Town of Riverdale Park
Ethics Commission Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2021
6:15 p.m.

In Attendance

John Wells, Chair
Corey Beauford (arrived at 6:20 p.m.)
April Engram, Alternate
Andrea Huberty

Frederick Sussman, Town Attorney
Jessica Barnes, Director of Administrative Services/Town Clerk

Call to Order

Mr. Wells called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

Roll Call

1. Agenda Approval

Ms. Huberty made a motion to approve the April 15, 2021 Ethics Commission agenda.
The motion was seconded by Ms. Engram. Vote: 3-0 (Favorable)

Unfinished Business

Review of Financial Disclosure Statements: Candidates for 2021 Town Election on May 3, 2021

Town Attorney Fred Sussman provided an overview of the revised Financial Disclosure Statements submitted by five candidates (David Lingua, Karen Mejia, Colleen Richardson, Thomas Sadiq, and Alan Thompson) for the 2021 Town Election. Town Attorney Sussman stated that the revised Financial Disclosure Statements were appropriately completed.

The Commission members were unable to access the meeting materials and Ms. Barnes displayed the revised Financial Disclosure Statements on the screen for their review. The Commission members did not have any questions regarding the revised Financial Disclosure Statements that were submitted.

Ms. Huberty made a motion to approve the five revised Financial Disclosure Statements submitted by candidates for 2021 Town Election. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beauford. Vote: 3-0 (Favorable)

Mr. Wells stated that he would send an e-mail to the Chief and Deputy Chief Election Judges regarding the Commission's findings.

Hearings

There were no hearings scheduled for the April 15, 2021 Ethics Commission meeting.

New Business

There was no new business.

Other Business

Mr. Wells stated that he would draft a position statement regarding the submission of Financial Disclosure Statements by lieutenants in the police department and send it out to the Ethics Commission members for their feedback.

Mr. Wells stated that the Commission should begin discussions regarding changes to the long form at the next meeting. Town Attorney Sussman stated that he had examples of Financial Disclosure Statements from other jurisdictions that the Commission could review.

Mr. Beauford thanked Mr. Wells for making the Ethics Commission's presentation to the Mayor and Council in March. Mr. Wells stated that the Mayor and Council were very appreciative of the work of the Ethics Commission members.

Next Meeting

The Ethics Commission will meet on June 24th at 7:00 p.m. to review Calendar Year 2020 Financial Disclosure Statements.

Adjournment

Ms. Huberty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Engram. Vote: 3-0 (Favorable)