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TOWN OF SUFFIELD

MINUTES OF ETHICS COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

JULY 14. 2026

LOCATION: UPPER-LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM, TOWN HALL

83 MOUNTAIN ROAD, SUFFIELD CT

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

A special meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M on July 14, 2026.

The meeting, prompted by a complaint received by the Commission on July 6, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Presser at 7:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct an inquiry, pursuant to its rules, to decide whether the complaint presented sufficient evidence to warrant an inquiry.

The meeting began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a roll call.

Members present: Scott Wheeler, George Dalrymple and Jay Presser.

Members Absent: Susan Keane

Alternates Present: Brendan Malone (designated as a full voting member for this meeting).

Others Present: No members of the public were present.

The complaints were discussed in an executive session by the ethics committee members and the alternate present. Brendan Malone was assigned voting rights. All present participated in the discussion.

The members returned to an open session at 7:21 P.M. At that time the Chairman called for a vote on whether the complaint presented sufficient evidence to warrant an inquiry. After a motion and second the Commission members unanimously voted that the complaint should be denied. The putative complaint was rejected for failure to comply with requirements to file a complaint pursuant to Section 40:11 sub para. B. (1) of the Town's Code of Conduct, including the failure to sign "under penalty of false statement" The requirement set forth above is implemented by the Ethics Complaint Form, which clearly indicates "*I/we hereby certify that the information included in this Complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge ….*" [italics in the original] There is no signature whatsoever on this line by anyone. Rather that the word "Anonymous" is printed on the line of the Complaint Form, which wholly evades the clear purpose of the certification process.

The form also has places for the name, address and telephone number of the individual(s) or companies filing the Complaint, all of which was left blank with a large “X” crossing out that section.

Accordingly, the complaint was dismissed

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman at 7:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by

George Dalrymple, Commission Secretary