

Town of Goshen – Ethics Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 11, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Hybrid (Town Hall / Zoom)

Attendees:

- David Bonaguide (Chair)
- Jonathan Moore (Secretary)
- James Lefvre
- James Thibault
- Scott Olson (Selectman)

1. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at approximately 6:02 PM by David Bonaguid after confirming a quorum. Jonathan Moore was appointed to take minutes.

2. Discussion of Feedback on Draft Code

Scott Olson thanked the committee for work on the code draft. Regarding the question of whether the ethics body created under the code should be appointed or elected, Scott acknowledged that as pointed out by committee members, he could find no examples of other Connecticut towns with elected ethics councils or committees. He added that while he initially preferred an elected body, with this background he would be willing to consider a code that had an appointed council.

The committee discussed shortening or eliminating the draft provisions regarding the council's access to Town Counsel, but the committee concluded that this element should be reviewed for now and may be addressed later if there are specific comments from Town Counsel.

The committee also discussed the enforcement powers of the ethics council. Jonathan Moore noted that the draft follows the model employed by most other towns in that it authorizes the council to fully recommend sanctions and other actions after a finding of a violation, but vests the power to carry out such sanctions and actions in other bodies (such as the board of selectman).

The committee will re-submit the current draft of ethics code to the board of selectmen without further revisions.

7. Adjournment:

- **Motion:** Jonathan Moore
- **Second:** James Thibault
- **Vote:** Unanimously approved.
Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Jonathan Moore

Jonathan Moore
VP

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Attest Barbara Z. Burr
Goshen Town Clerk