Bristol Town Administrator

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Has the Town appointed our liaison to the State Ethics Commission?

Thanks.

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NOTE: Our office hours are Monday – Thursday - 8 am to 4:30 pm. The office is CLOSED on Fridays. Appointments are still required for research in the Land Records.

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Good morning, Clerks:

We're assisting the Vermont State Ethics Commission by providing the information below for you, in case you didn't see their original communication earlier this month. If you have questions after reading and reviewing the linked resources, please contact <u>ethicscommission@vermont.gov</u>.

Useful links

<u>Act 171</u> – Effective June 10, 2024, this Act established a municipal ethics framework for Vermont.

- <u>Ethics Commission's municipal ethics page</u> Provides an overview of the Ethics Commission. Also features a quick Act 171 prep checklist for municipalities!
- 24 V.S.A. Chapter 60: Municipal Code of Ethics [Effective January 1, 2025]

REQUIRED Training Info

 Starting on January 1, 2025, the ethics training is required for members of legislative or quasi-judicial bodies, chief administrative officers, mayors, and town or city managers. The required <u>training on the new statewide Municipal Code of Ethics</u> is now available on the Ethics Commission website.

- Overview & Instructions

Pursuant to Act 171, municipalities are required to appoint an Ethics Liaison to serve as a point of contact for communications with the State Ethics Commission.

<u>24 V.S.A. § 1995(e)</u> states: "Each municipality, acting through its legislative body, shall designate an employee as its liaison to the State Ethics Commission. If a municipality does not have any employees, the legislative body shall designate one of its members as its liaison to the State Ethics Commission." The requirement went into effect on January 1, 2025.

Once you have appointed your Ethics Liaison, please reach out to Peggy Delaney at <u>ethicscommission@vermont.gov</u> with the liaison's name and contact information. They will add the liaison to their list for future communications from the Ethics Commission.

As ever, please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns. Email <u>sos.elections@vermont.gov</u> or call 802-828-2363 to reach the whole team.

Thanks for all that you do!

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