



TOWN OF SOUTHBURY

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Advisory Opinion Case 24-001a

While the Ethics Commission typically responds to external requests for advice and/or complaints, our procedures permit us the ability to issue unsolicited ad-hoc advice as well. A question has arisen concerning a section of the Code of Ethics and how it relates to concurrent public offices and the Charter Revision Commission.

Every five years the town is required to assemble a commission for the purposes of revising the Town Charter. The group is called the Charter Revision Commission. A question arose during the preparation for and selection of the membership for the upcoming Charter Revision Commission. The question was "Can a member of the Ethics Commission participate as a member of the Charter Revision Commission?".

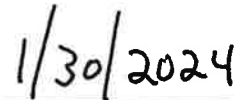
The Ethics Commission has reviewed language in the Code of Ethics and has determined that pursuant to the Code of Ethics, Section 2-41, Sub-Section (I), Sub-Sub-Section (3) concerning concurrent public offices that the Charter Revision Commission is to be considered a *temporary* commission or committee. Therefore, the First Selectman, the Town Clerk, members of the Board of Finance and members of the Ethics Commission are not restricted from being appointed as members of the Charter Revision Commission unless otherwise prohibited in the Town Charter or by ordinance.

By:

The Ethics Commission for the Town of Southbury



Joseph Ruggiero, Chairman



Date