

**Report on actions taken by the Rhode Island Ethics Commission
in Executive Session held on October 18, 2022:**

1. Voted (4-0) to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on September 20, 2022.
[Reporter's Note: The vote was as follows:

AYES: Marisa A. Quinn; Lauren E. Jones; Matthew D. Strauss; and Holly J. Susi.

ABSTENTION: Kyle P. Palumbo.]

2. Unanimously voted (5-0) in the matter of **In re: Dan Patterson**, **Complaint No. 2022-8**, to approve an Informal Resolution & Settlement by which the Ethics Commission imposed a civil penalty of \$500 for violations of the Financial Disclosure Mandate.

Copies of the Informal Resolution & Settlement will be available at the conclusion of the meeting.

3. In the matter of **In re: Stephen P. Mattscheck**, **Complaint No. 2022-1**, the Commission took the following actions:

Unanimously voted (5-0) to find that there exists probable cause to believe that the Respondent, Stephen P. Mattscheck, Public Works Director for the Town of Exeter, violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16 by failing to disclose his interest in real property designated as 0 Hallville Road, Exeter, RI on his 2016-2020 Financial Disclosure Statements;

Unanimously voted (5-0) to find that there exists probable cause to believe that the Respondent, Stephen P. Mattscheck, Public Works Director for the Town of Exeter, violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16 by failing to disclose executive positions that he held in RIPWA on his 2016-2020 Financial Disclosure Statements;

Unanimously voted (5-0) to find that there exists probable cause to believe that the Respondent, Stephen P. Mattscheck, Public Works Director for the Town of Exeter, violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16 by failing to disclose executive positions that he held in NEAPWA on his 2016-2020 Financial Disclosure Statements;

Unanimously voted (5-0) to find that there does not exist probable cause to believe that the Respondent, Stephen P. Mattscheck, Public Works Director for the Town of Exeter, violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16 by failing to disclose out-of-state travel provided to him by the Town on his 2016-2020 Financial Disclosure Statements;

Unanimously voted (5-0) to find that there does not exist probable cause to believe that the Respondent, Stephen P. Mattscheck, Public Works Director for the Town of Exeter, violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16 by failing to disclose income he received from his father and from RIPWA on his 2016-2020 Financial Disclosure Statements;

Unanimously voted (5-0) to find that there does not exist probable cause to believe that the Respondent, Stephen P. Mattscheck, Public Works Director for the Town of Exeter, violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-5(a) or (d) by purchasing a Volvo Loader in 2020 from C.N. Wood on behalf of the Town; and

Unanimously voted (5-0) to find that there does not exist probable cause to believe that the Respondent, Stephen P. Mattscheck, Public Works Director for the Town of Exeter, violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-5(a) or (d) by recommending to the Town Council in 2020 that the Town of Exeter award a contract to Tighe & Bond.

The Commission will schedule an adjudicative hearing on its Findings of Probable Cause. The allegations for which probable cause was not found are dismissed with prejudice.

4. Unanimously voted (5-0) to return to Open Session.