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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Town Commissioners
From: John Hoatson Town Clerk
Date: Tuesday, November 8^h, 2022
Re: Town of Upper Marlboro Ethics Commission

Commissioners,

Kyle Snyder, Town Administrator and I recently had a meeting with Kevin Best, Town Attorney to discuss the possibility of creating an Ethics Commission in the Town of Upper Marlboro. Attorney Best provided us some wonderful guidance that we want to share with you. The Town of Upper Marlboro already has an established Public Ethics Ordinance: 2016-04. Here are options available to you.

1. Ordinance 2016-04 was written to address Ethical Standards in the Town of Upper Marlboro.
2. The Town can establish an ethics ordinance with or without an ethics commission without them being mandated by State law since the Town has a full exemption at this time. The typical mandate for filing disclosure forms is a function of State mandates and since you all have none at this time, the Town's ethics ordinance is not required to require disclosure forms and it presently does not.
3. Look at Ordinance 2016-04 Public Ethics to see if it needs to be streamlined and / or strengthened. This could include a, "Code of Conduct" as was discussed in a previous Board Work Session.