

**Allegations of Disclosure Statement Violations Considered by Ethics Commission (2016-2020)**

<b>Year/Person Filing Complaint</b>	<b>Communication</b>	<b>Decision by Commission</b>
2020/Candidate for State Rep. Timothy Goodwin	Local store owner Steve Collins purchased yard signs stating "Vote No on Goodwin" that lacked disclosure statements	On 12/18/2020, the Commission (5-0) assessed a \$200 penalty.
2020/Scarborough Democratic Town Committee	Letter by Dan Warren criticizing Democratic incumbent State Representative as unfit for office. Complaint was against Republican challenger on the assumption that she had helped finance the letter. Mr. Warren described the letter as a solo effort by him to recruit a write-in candidate against the incumbent.	On 9/30/2020, the Commission found insufficient grounds to conduct an investigation against Annalee Rosenblatt (5-0) or Dan Warren (4-1).
2018/Catherine Weeks, candidate for City Council in Waterville	Anonymous flyer hand-delivered to households in Ward 1 of Waterville. Flyer may have met exception for communications costing no more than \$100 by persons acting independently of candidates and committees.	On 11/28/2018, the Commission declined to pursue an investigation (3-1, with one recusal).
2018/Former State Rep. Bradley Moulton	Simple flyer by Rep. Patty Hymanson describing her legislative voting record. She explained that if no one was home when she campaigned door to door, she would leave the flyer and a commercially printed brochure. The brochure stated that it was paid for and authorized by the candidate.	On 11/28/2018, the Commission voted (3-1) to find no violation because the flyer was part of a single communication with the brochure.
2017/Maine Democratic Party	Self-described news website (www.maineexaminer.com) published negative stories about the Democratic nominee in run-off election for Lewiston mayor. Website did not identify any owners or authors. Executive director of Maine Republican Party responded to Commission that he was solely responsible for the website as a personal project he undertook on his own time, separate from his employment by the party. He asserted the total cost of the website was \$74.	On 2/22/2018, the Commission voted (3-2) to deny the request for investigation.
2016/Maine Democratic Party	Two candidates Andre Cushing (running for re-election to State Senate) and David Hagen (running for State Rep.) paid for joint mailing that lacked disclosure statements.	On 12/8/2016, the Commission assessed a penalty of \$50 against both candidates.