



# TOWN OF HAMDEN CONNECTICUT

## BOARD OF ETHICS

Colin Odell, Chairman

Carolyn Westerfield, Clerk

### MINUTES

The Hamden Board of Ethics held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 in the First Floor Conference Room of the Hamden Government Center.

In attendance were Chairman Odell; Members Rochow and Spies; Clerk Westerfield.

Chairman Odell CALLED the MEETING TO ORDER at 8:18 pm.

The MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of December 6, 2011 were accepted as sent. Motion:Rostow, Second: Spies VOTE: Unam.

There was no CORRESPONDENCE for discussion.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Code of Ethics: Chairman Odell stated that the Board of Ethics is to develop the First Draft of the New Code of Ethics to coordinate with the new Hamden Town Charter as voted on in November, 2011. The Board is to “mesh” the old Code of Ethics with the present Ethics Board’s Rules and Regulations. The Investigating process should also be looked at carefully, to determine how Complaints are to be looked at, and the proscribed time frame. The question of the role of an outside “investigator” was raised and is also to be taken under consideration. The role of the Town Attorney is to be considered, as is the “financial and personal interest”, “attendance requirements” “giving favoritism and unfair advantage”. It was determined that the three members of the Board of Ethics present tonight should meet and form a draft of the Proposed Regulations to be presented for discussion by the complete Board at the June 5, 2012 Regular Meeting . A MOTION was presented by Mr. Spies. “The Subcommittee (of 3) shall meet at a time to be determined to unify our existing Rules and Charter Provisions into a new Ordinance as specified by the (Hamden Town) Charter. And to bring such to the full Board (of Ethics) at the June Meeting.” The Motion was Seconded by Mr. Rochow. VOTE:Unam.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Election of Officers Mr. Rochow made a Motion to reelect Mr. Odell as Chairman and Mr. Spies as Vice Chairman. Mr. Spies agreed to this, and Chairman Odell stated that the VOTE was Unam.

The Meeting was ADJOURNED at 9:15pm.

Carolyn Westerfield, Clerk April 4, 2012