



TOWN OF HAMDEN CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF ETHICS

Colin Odell, Chairman

Carolyn Westerfield, Clerk

MINUTES

Meeting of December 4, 2012

The Hamden Board of Ethics held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 in the First Floor Conference Room of the Hamden Government Center.

Present were: Chairman Odell; Members, Rochow, Spies; Clerk Westerfield. Director of Public Works Craig Cesare was also present. The MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 8:05pm by Chairman Odell .

The MINUTES of the Meeting of October 2, 2012 were accepted : Motion Spies, Second Rochow, VOTE: Unam. Member Spies requested that the Minutes of the Meeting of August 7, 2012 be amended to reflect the names of those present (Members Spies and Rochow).

Under CORRESPONDANCE: Chairman Odell stated that 1)he had received a letter from the Director of Public Works, Craig Cesare requesting an Advisory Opinion from the Board on his actions to avoid any conflict of interest or ethical violation concerning the hiring process involving a relative of the Director. Mr. Cesare would be (and was) present at the December Meeting of the Ethics Board to answer any questions that might arise. The Board did consider the request of the Director of Public works and questioned him as to the structure of the Department, the procedures for considering applicants for positions in the Department, and supervision by the Department and other Departments within the Town. The Board noted that Mr. Cesare had recused himself of the process of hiring and supervision and had shown transparency before The Mayor, Town Attorney, and Civil Service.

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It was agreed that the chair respond with proper copies sent to pertinent personnel and duly filed in the records of the Board of Ethics. 2) It was determined that a matter also under Correspondance during the October Meeting would now be considered under. Old Business -Other and remain confidential.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Chairman Odell stated that he has been conferring with the Town Attorney and that consideration of Revisions to the Code of Ethics would be undertaken by an outside Attorney. No definite action was taken concerning this matter, and the Chairman will remain in contact with Members of the Board of Ethics and the Town Attorney.

B. Member Spies reported that he has looked into the matter considered under Correspondance 2. This matter has not been completely reviewed and is to be still considered confidential. The Board asked Member Spies to look further into the matter and report to the Board at the February 19 Meeting when it is expected that there will be sufficient Members to vote as Member Spies must recuse himself.

NEW BUSINESS: There being no further Business

The MEETING was ADJOURNED at 9:30.

**Carolyn Westerfield, Clerk
December 5, 2012**