



TOWN OF HAMDEN CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF ETHICS

Colin Odell, Chairman

Carolyn Westerfield, Clerk

MINUTES

April 2, 2013

The Hamden Board of Ethics held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 in the First Floor Conference Room of the Hamden Government Center.

Present were: Chairman Odell; Members, O'Brien, Rochow, Spies; Alternate Gelman; Clerk Westerfield.

The MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 8:02pm by Chairman Odell who stated that Alternate Gelman would sit for Member Elbert.

The MINUTES of the Meeting of December 4, 2012 were accepted as received. Motion: Spies; Second: Rochow. VOTE: Unam.

Under CORRESPONDANCE: Chairman Odell stated that 1) he had received a letter from Judy Kozak, President of the Hamden Legislative Council requesting an Advisory Opinion from the Board of Ethics concerning a possible Conflict of Interest on her participation in deliberations and voting on the issue of Hamden's pension fund and such matter in this year's budget. The Board of Ethics discussed this stating that the Legislative Council is the finance "arm" setting the Budget and deliberations on questions. That this is a matter of Taxation rather than a pension question. and the President is one of many retirees, she is not getting any special attention, That mere voting on pension issues by a member of the Legislative Council who is a retiree of the Town does not constitute a Conflict of Interest. The

Board decided to have Chairman Odell draft a letter of response and send it to President Kozak. Motion:Spies Second: O'Brien VOTE: Unam.

Under OLD BUSINESS: A. The Chairman stated that the Town Attorney is about to enlist the services of an Attorney to assist the Board of Ethics in drafting the Code of Ethics. Such matter would serve to separate the Code to be adopted by the Legislative Council from what could be considered "housekeeping" issues to be matters of the Board of Ethics.

continue to do this. It was decided that as a special sub-committee of the Board had been formed, he, and it, should continue the review and that a Special Work Session will be called for all Members and Alternates to go over the entire Code of Ethics.

B. 1. Member Spies presented a matter of investigation of a question raised by a citizen of Hamden regarding possible ethical questions undertaken by a member of a Hamden Board. It was noted that the person in question is no longer an elected official of the Town, and a due to this the matter is to be considered active. A short discussion followed pointing out that the Board did not have sufficient information to initiate a formal ethics complaint. A Motion was made to close this matter. Motion: Rochow Second:O'Brien Vote:Aye:2 Nay: 0 Abstain:1. The Matter is Closed.

NEW BUSINESS: None. Motion to Adjourn: Spies Second: O'Brien

**The MEETING was ADJOURNED at 9:00
Carolyn Westerfield, Clerk**

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