



TOWN OF HAMDEN CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF ETHICS

Carolyn Westerfield, Clerk

MINUTES

AUGUST 6, 2013

The Hamden Board of Ethics held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 in the First Floor Conference Room of the Hamden Government Center.

Present were: ViceChairman Spies; Members, Elbert (arrived at 8:18), Rochow,;Alternate Gelman; Clerk Westerfield.

The MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 8:06pm by ViceChairman Spies who stated that Alternate Gelman would sit for Member O'Brien.

The MINUTES of the Meeting of April 2, 2013 were accepted as received. Motion:Rochow;Second:Gelman.VOTE:Unam.

Vice Chairman Spies said that he was honored to take over the Chairmanship from Colin Odell who has moved out of State. He will write an official letter to Colin Odell expressing the gratitude of the Board and its members for the many years of service he had provided to the Town.

Under CORRESPONDANCE:Vice Chairman Spies stated that 1)he had received a letter to Marian Amodeo regarding an application for a position in the Library A short discussion followed and the Board sees no political favoritism. Mr. Spies will send a letter regarding this matter to the Mayor. 2) A letter has been received from Member O'Brien regarding a possible conflict of interest if he remains on the Ethics Board. He has written the Mayor a letter of resignation from the Board of Ethics.

This was duly noted by the Board and Vice Chairman Spies will reply to Mr. O'Brien. 3) Two letters have been received from Mr. Kennelly and the Town Purchasing Agent. Mr. Kennelly is now requesting an Advisory Opinion from the Board of Ethics concerning a possible Conflict of Interest due to his position on the Hamden Town Council. Significant discussion followed, and it was decided to inform Mr. Kennelly of the Board's concern that there may be an appearance of impropriety. Mr. Gelman made a motion that Mr. Spies should send a letter a) Quoting from the Ethics Regulations concerning "Conflict of Interest (30-05), b) resigning from the "conflicting" position", and c) as according to the Town Charter, register possible conflicts with the Town Clerk. This was Seconded by Rochow and the VOTE was Unam. Mr. Spies will send a letter (including a set time limit) before any detrimental action can be taken. Mr.. Spies will send a draft of his letter to the members of the Board for comment).

OLD BUSINESS: A) Code of Ethics. The Board would like to take action on this matter before the October 1st Regular Meeting, meaning that there will probably be Special Meeting of the Board before October 1st. Walter Rochow will work with Wayne Spies to pull together the format of the new Code of Ethics. All members of the Board will be kept informed for comments.

B) Member Rochow made a motion that Vice Chairman Spies be made Chairman of the Board. This was Seconded by Member Elbert. VOTE: Unam.

C) The #3 letters under Correspondance may also be considered as New Business Other.

Alternate Gelman made a motion to adjourn-Seconded by Member Rochow. The Meting was Adjourned at 9:25pm

**Respectfully Submitted Carolyn Westerfield; Clerk
August 7, 2013**