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BOARD OF ETHICS

Wayne Spies, Chairman Carolyn Westerfield, Clerk

MINUTES

The Hamden Board of Ethics held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 in the First Floor Conference Room of the Hamden Government Center.

Present were Chair Spies; Members Balogh,Gelman and Rochow; Alternate Jackson, and Clerk Westerfield.

Chair Spies CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER at8:03 pm.

The MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of October 1,2013 were accepted as presented (Motion:Rochow, Second;Gelman VOTE: Unam. The Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 31,2014 were accepted as presented (Motion;Gelman, Second Rochow VOTE: Unam.

There was nothing to attend to under CORRESPONDANCE.

OLD BUSINESS: Chair Spies explained that although there will be changes to the Ethics Code, these will be undertaken and voted upon by the Hamden Town Council.The Ethics Commission(as it will be called when the new Code is accepted) is to review the Rules and Regulations- which have not been fully revised since 1979. Copies were distributed to the Board , and the Chair welcomed comments and suggestions. Member Rochow suggested that we look at them now, but reserve voting on acceptance at a later Meeting. Motion was made by Member Rochow and seconded by Member Gelman to accept the new Rules and Regulations. This motion was amended to be tabled. (The VOTE was Unam.) Chair Spies stated that there were several changes in the new Regulations. 1) that we are to be a Commission (not a Board), 2) There is a clarification of Request for Opinion, 3) Complaints must be filed within 3 years of the incident. 4) "Confidentiality" is discussed. 5) There is still a recording to be made in the Hearing stage although a Court Reporter is not required.
Member Rochow made a Motion* to table the acceptance of the Rules and Regulations; with a Special Meeting-date to be set by the Chair. Such Meeting to be within two months of this date (April 1) and before the Regular Meeting of June 3,2014. The Motion was Seconded by Member Gelman. VOTE:Unam. It was then suggested that the date of the Special Meeting be on April 22nd at 8pm, and the only matter before the board be the Rules and Regulations. This was agreed upon by all present. Chair Spies said that he would welcome any changes and suggestions and that they should be sent to him in timely fashion.

Under NEW BUSINESS; The Board elected officers for the coming two years: Member Rochow nominated Chair Spies to continue as Chair. There were no other nominations. The VOTE was a Unam AYE. Chair Spies nominated(from the chair)-Member Gelman for Vice Chair. This was seconded by Member Rochow. There were no other nominations. VOTE: Unam AYE.

There being no other NEW BUSINESS, the MEETING WAS ADJOURNED at 8:50pm. (Motion Balogh, Second Gelman)

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Westerfield, Clerk
April 2, 2014 CW