



TOWN OF HAMDEN

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Board of Ethics

Minutes: The Board of Ethics, Town of Hamden held a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 via virtual Zoom; the following issues were discussed:

Meeting Recording:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/Tk4nl3raRzyr3oZl7mTgmfOiiKdWIKxVIOd1AbYw8GIuWdAKLDdgXA-798FWtww.7-ovhTYJmzEwAtfw>

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Attending: Dolphuss Addison; Philip G. Kent, Chair; Jean Larson; Ann Pari; Ellen Rosenthal; and Edward Simon. Also in attendance: Patrice LeMoine, Clerk for the Board.

- 1. Call to order:** Mr. Kent called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
- 2. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of December 7, 2021:** Chairman Kent requested a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting. Ms. Larson **motioned** to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2021 regular meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simon. The chair called for a vote:

D. Addison	aye	A. Pari	aye
P. Kent	aye	E. Rosenthal	aye
J. Larson	aye	E. Simon	aye

Approval of the **special meeting of December 12, 2021:** Chairman Kent entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2021 special meeting. **A motion** was made by Ms. Rosenthal to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Simon seconded the motion and the chair called for a vote:

D. Addison	aye	A. Pari	aye
P. Kent	aye	E. Rosenthal	aye

J. Larson aye

E. Simon aye

The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Correspondence:** Mr. Kent will present under new business a recent request for an opinion.

4. **New Business:**

- a. Report on the status of code revisions and form revisions – At this time, Mr. Kent asked if anyone reviewed the current code of ethics and form. The Board requested further time to review the materials and to revisit the information at the April meeting. After the Board reviews and prepares a draft, we will schedule a time to present to Mayor Garrett.
- b. Report on inquiries re advisory opinions and/or potential complaints – Mr. Kent noted there are no complaints received, however, we are in receipt of one request for an advisory opinion (2022-1).

The inquiry is noted to be held confidential. Mr. Simon shared with the Board of Ethics the current rules regarding when the Board is to consider an inquiry confidential and when not. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to treat the inquiry as confidential.

- c. Charter Commission – The commission has been reformed. The Board looks forward to revisiting this project when approached by the Commission.

5. **Old Business:**

- a. Continued discussion on updating Procedures and Requirements – Ms. Larson thanked Mr. Simon for reposting the timeline to the Board of Ethics webpage.

6. **Confidential Session:** Under the guidelines of the Connecticut General Statutes 182a and 7-148h, the Board agreed to go into confidential session. At 7:28 p.m. the Board unanimously agreed to go into session. At this time, Ms. P. LeMoine withdrew from the meeting room.

At 8:07 p.m. Ms. LeMoine returned to the meeting room. Messrs. Addison, Kent, Simon with Mss. Larson, Pari, and Rosenthal returned to the meeting room. Ms. Pari motioned to end the session and was seconded by Mr. Simon. All were in favor.

Mr. Kent agreed to conduct some research and will reconvene at a special meeting to discuss the matter on February 16 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

With no further discussion, Mr. Kent requested a motion to adjourn.

7. **Adjournment:** Chairman Kent requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. At 8:12 p.m. Mr. Addison moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. Rosenthal. All were in favor.

Submitted by:

s/ Patrice A. LeMoine

Clerk for the Board of Ethics