



Town of Hamden

Board of Ethics

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Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Minutes:

The Board of Ethics held a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, May 16, 2023**, via virtual Zoom, Zoom; the following issues were discussed:

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Kent called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
 - a. Attendance: Philip Kent, Chairman; Jean Larson; Ann Pari; Dr. Lynda Rosenfeld; Ellen Rosenthal, Edward Simon; also in attendance: Patrice LeMoine, Commission Clerk
2. **Comments from the Public:** N/A
3. **Approval of Minutes:**

Dr. Rosenfeld made a motion to approve minutes from the April 11, 2023 meeting as presented, and was seconded by Ms. Rosenthal. The chair called for a vote:

P. Kent	aye	L. Rosenfeld	aye
J. Larson	aye	E. Rosenthal	aye
A. Pari	aye	E. Simon	aye

The vote passed unanimously.

4. **Correspondence:** Mr. Kent received an FOIA request, and he reviewed the request with Attorney Sue Gruen. Mr. P. McLaughlin requested copies of all complaints the Board of Ethics received from January 1 to May 12, 2023. Mr. Kent shared the exchange of communication between the Town and Mr. McLaughlin, and a reply was submitted. Whereas, under state law, there is nothing the Board of Ethics received that was responsive to this request.

Ms. LeMoine shared the most current Board roster and added that there are a few updates that will be made and then redistributed with the Board.

5. New Business:

- a. Report on any inquiries regarding advisory opinions and/or any complaints.
Nothing to present.

6. Old Business:

- a. Additional review of the Ethics Code and Rules and Regulations – Mr. Kent asked if the Board is prepared to review the rules and regulations, including Dr. Rosenfeld’s recent changes, and Ms. Larson’s recommendations. The Board presented the most current edited version of the rules and regulations and then made changes where appropriate.

As the Board was reviewing the information, Mr. Simon made the final changes and he offered to copy the guidelines from the Board of Ethics webpage and include them in the rules and regulations document. As noted, Attorney Gruen made the final edits for the Code of Ethics.

The Board agreed to conduct a final review of the Code of Ethics so that both documents can be presented at the June meeting for final approval by the Board.

7. Confidential Session, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-82a and §7-148h:

No request was presented.

8. Executive Session (if required): No request was presented.

9. Adjournment: At 8:07 p.m., Ms. Larson made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Dr. Rosenfeld. All were in favor. Next regular meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2023.

Submitted by: Patrice A. LeMoine, Commission Clerk