



# **TOWN OF HAMDEN**

## **Board of Ethics**

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### **Meeting Recording:**

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**Minutes: The Board of Ethics, Town of Hamden held a special meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 via virtual Zoom; the following issues were discussed:**

**Attending:** Dolphuss Addison; Philip 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 7:11 p.m. Roll call was held and for the record, a quorum present.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Kent requested a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2022 meeting. After review and discussion, a **motion** was made by Ms. Larson to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Rosenthal seconded, 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 vote passed.

- 3. Correspondence:** Nothing to present.

- 4. New Business:** Mr. Kent confirmed the Board was in receipt of three complaints and will be discussed in confidential session.

- 5. Old Business:**

Updating Procedures and Requirements – The Board discussed whether the request for an advisory opinion is to be confidential. Ms. Larson did some research, and she offered the following statement for Hamden’s Board of Ethics to include—“Advisory Opinions shall be made available to the public except as prohibited by law.” Ms. Larson questioned if the requestor (or applicant) could be made available to the public. And when confirmed, we could add this to the Board of Ethics’ rules and regulations, the Advisory Opinion application form and the BofE’s webpage. Mr. Kent noted the advisory opinion can be asked by a town official or town employee. Mr. Kent said he will contact the town attorney for verification. Ms. Rosenthal agreed with Mr. Kent to consult with Attorney Gruen, and she said we have a distinction between the opinion shall be made public and the person who has requested the advisory opinion is remained confidential. A requestor is confidential, but the advisory opinion will be available to the public and not to disclose the complaint.

When Mr. Kent has spoken to Attorney Gruen then we will consider updating the advisory opinion form and add to the town’s webpage.

- 6. Confidential Session:** Mr. Kent requested a motion for the Board go into confidential session, so as to hold a discussion regarding the three complaints received.

Under the guidelines of the Connecticut General Statutes §1-82a and §7-148h, the Board agreed to go into confidential session. At 7:26 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Addison and was seconded by Ms. Rosenthal. 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 vote passed.

At this time, Ms. LeMoine assigned Messrs. Simon and Kent as co-hosts and all members of the Board were sent to “unrecorded-workroom #1” and Ms. LeMoine withdrew from the meeting.

At 8:17 p.m. Ms. LeMoine and the Board returned to the meeting room.

Chairman Kent entertained a motion to end the confidential session. A **motion** was made by Ms. Rosenthal to end the confidential session. Ms. Pari 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 vote passed.

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

- 7. Adjournment:** At 8:20 p.m. Mr. Simon moved to adjourn and was seconded by Ms. Pari. The motion passed.

Submitted by:

*s/ Patrice A. LeMoine*

Clerk for the Board of Ethics