



TOWN OF HAMDEN

Final/Unapproved 12 07 2021

Board of Ethics

Minutes: The Board of Ethics, Town of Hamden held a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 via virtual Zoom; the following issues were discussed:

Meeting Recording:

https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/2EucLKpbkdkrH_zOVf7HOTC5Q9DaBPllc0hesUz7m3vKt_f71NqAkYcFOIHcReymd.FB6o134rEBPalVS5

Access Passcode: 6Mi.Y0Rv

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 7:05 p.m. He then confirmed that a quorum was present.
2. **Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of August 3, 2021** – Chairman Kent entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the August 3rd meeting. **A motion** made by Ms. Larson to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Ms. Pari. The chair called for a vote:

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Special meeting of August 31, 2021 - Chairman Kent entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the August 31st 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	abstain	A. Pari	aye
P. Kent	aye	E. Rosenthal	aye
J. Larson	aye	E. Simon	aye

The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Correspondence:** Mr. Kent noted the letter from Ms. LeMoine regarding the 2022 meeting schedule. Ms. LeMoine explained the schedule was presented last November to the members of the Board and was unanimously approved via email. The schedule was sent to the Town Clerk's office for posting and is attached to these minutes.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. Introductions to new member of the Board – Dolphuss Addison. The members of the Board were introduced to Mr. Addison and welcomed him to the Board of Ethics.
 - b. Questions or discussion regarding the Board of Ethics Procedures and Documents – Ms. Larson noted the town's website needs to reflect the current Board membership and the timeline document when one presents an inquiry, or a complaint is not posted on the website. Mr. Simon said he will inquire with the town administration regarding updating the webpage.

Chairman Kent noted that he received a communication from the Town Attorney regarding a request of an advisory opinion. Currently the question is if there is any conflict of interest or ethical issue for one to be a town employee and be a town councilperson. Once he receives the information, he will present to the Board for their review and then hold a meeting for discussion. We may have to meet prior to December 13. At this time, the Board is reserving Sunday, December 12 for a special meeting.

5. **Old Business:**

Mr. Kent requested the Board look to review the revisions to the Ethics rules and procedures the Board made last 2018. If everyone agrees with the documents by January 3, 2022, Mr. Kent will present to Mayor Garrett for approval and then to the Legislative Council. Ms. LeMoine will forward the documents to the Board within the next day.

Mr. Kent agreed to contact Mayor Garrett to ask her to fill the current vacancy on the Board.

6. **Confidential Executive Session:** Mr. Addison raised a question regarding a potential ethics question and the protocols. At this time, chairman Kent requested a motion to go

into confidential executive session. At 7:34 p.m. Ms. Pari motioned to go into session and was seconded by Ms. Larson. 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.

At 7:44 p.m. Ms. Rosenthal motioned to leave executive session and 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

The motion passed unanimously.

- 7. Adjournment:** With no other business to discuss, chairman, Mr. Kent requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. At 7:48 p.m. Mr. Simon moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. Pari. All were in favor.

Submitted by:

s/ Patrice A. LeMoine
Clerk for the Board of Ethics

Attachment A: 2022 Meeting Schedule



Board of Ethics

November 10, 2021

Town of Hamden
Attention: Vera Morrison, Town Clerk
2750 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, Connecticut 06518

Dear Vera:

For 2022, the Board of Ethics will hold meetings virtually until further notice, or in the Town Attorney's conference room, located in the lower level of Government Center, at the discretion of the Board. The meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every other month at **7:00 p.m.** as follows:

February 1, 2022
April 5
June 7

August 2
October 4
December 6

Respectfully submitted,

Patrice A. LeMoine
Clerk for the Board of Ethics

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