



Town of Hamden Board of Ethics

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Minutes: The Board of Ethics, Town of Hamden held a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14th, 2023, via virtual 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; Eileen Rosenthal
 - b. Absent: Edward Simon
 - c. Also in Attendance: Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk
2. Comments from the public- N/A
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Changes
 - i. Under item 1a., “Phillip” should be changed to “Philip”
 - ii. Dr. Rosenfeld made a motion to approve the amended minutes from the February 15th, 2023 meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Pari. The chair called for a vote:

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| P. Kent | Aye | L. Rosenfeld | Aye |
| J. Larson | Aye | E. Rosenthal | Aye |
| A. Pari | Aye | | |

4. Correspondence- N/A
5. New Business
 - a. Report on inquiries re advisory opinions/ potential complaints- N/A
 - b. Discussion regarding Public Comment during a meeting and establish or review guidelines
 - i. There was a discussion regarding the newly required Public Comment section of commission meetings, specifically time limitations. Chairman Kent updated the commission that Mr. Simon was unsuccessful in his research of other commissions’ procedures. As a result, the commission came to the following decision: Each public comment would be limited to two (2) minutes, and the total

time allotted for all public comments would be limited to 16 minutes. It is the sole discretion of the chair if either allotted time segment would be extended. Ms. Pari made a motion to approve the time limits for public comment, which was seconded by Dr. Rosenfeld. The chair called for a vote:

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| P. Kent | Aye | L. Rosenfeld | Aye |
| J. Larson | Aye | E. Rosenthal | Aye |
| A. Pari | Aye | | |

A discussion also ensued regarding new language in the charter that outlines stricter requirements for commission appointments and reappointments, specifically in terms of fair district representation. Chairman Kent noted that he would follow up with the Town Clerk's Office to see how this new language would affect the current commissioners and the process to fill the one (1) vacancy.

6. Old Business

a. Final Review of the Ethics Code, Rules and Regulations

- i. Chairman Kent will send the proposed revision to all commissioners that they review the document by the next meeting on April 11th, 2023. He also suggested that the commission take time to review the charter.

7. Confidential Session, if required, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes- N/A

8. Executive Session (if required)- N/A

9. Adjournment: At 7:37 pm, Ms. Rosenthal made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Dr. Rosenfeld. All were in favor.

Submitted by: Liana Paglia, Substitute Commission Clerk