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BOARD OF ETHICS

May 14, 2024

Special Meeting – 6:30 pm

John O'Leary
Town Clerk

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

I. Call to Order

The Board of Ethics Committee Special Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

II. Roll Call & Determine Quorum

Commissioners Present

Mary Camilli
(Ellen) Lyn Connery
Edwin Zacharias
Spencer Lombard
Nancy Cappello
Kristen Wagner
Frank Marci

Commissioners Absent

Robert Gerrol

We have a quorum, so we can continue.

III. Public Participation

None.

IV. Remarks by Board Members

None.

V. Complaint #1

Attorney Marc Needelman stated that the last meeting ran rather late, and the Committee inadvertently failed to reopen the session for a public session to make a finding of the decision. That needs to be done tonight in public session. It also needs to be done consistent with the Code of Ethics which would indicate that given the fact or result that names should not be mentioned. In order to accomplish what we need to accomplish which is to make a final decision but not compromise the provisions of the ethics of the verbiage which says we shall not disclose names where there is no finding, Attorney Needelman suggested language similar to this: that the Newington Board of Ethics finds that Complaint #1 filed on 10/10/2023 was found not to have established probable cause that a breach of ethics in violation of the Newington Code of Ethics took place. Attorney

Needelman continued by saying that he believes that it's consistent with the group's determination, and Lyn Connery stated that's what was voted on. Attorney Needelman stated that this would make it clear what your determination was and it would be on the record as required and does not improperly disclose information that should not be disclosed. A motion was made by Frank Marci that we accept the verbiage that was just stated. Motion was seconded by Nancy Cappello, and all were in favor. Everyone present was eligible to vote because they were at that meeting.

VI. Adjournment Times

Lyn Connery suggested that meetings in the future don't go past 9:30 pm (3 hours) and continue the meeting to another night if needed. A motion was made by Chairman Connery that the Board of Ethics' meetings end at 9:30 pm; and if there is any overflow, no vote will be taken after 10:00 pm. Motion was seconded by Kristen Wagner and voted on. All in favor.

VII. Executive Session

A. CGS §1-200(6)(A)(B), Newington Code §32-12 A,
Personnel/Investigation/Procedures re: Ethics Complaint #2 & #3

Lyn Connery made Motion: That the Newington Board of Ethics, in accordance with CGS §1-200, Newington Code §32-12 hereby moves to go into Executive Session with the following to be in attendance: Board of Ethics' members, Board of Ethics' clerk, Attorney Marc N. Needelman for the purpose of investigating a pending Ethics' complaint, personnel and procedures. Motion was seconded by Kristen Wagner and voted on. All were in favor, and they went into Executive Session at 6:47 pm.

Adjourned from Executive Session at 8:53 pm.

VIII. Public Participation

None.

IX. Determine Future Meeting Date(s)

Next Board of Ethics' meetings will be held on May 21st, May 28th and June 11th at 6:30 pm in Conference Room 201A. Motion was made by Chairman Connery, seconded by Kristen Wagner, and voted on.

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:58 pm.