

BOARD OF ETHICS

May 21, 2024

Special Meeting – 6:30 pm

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

I. Call to Order

The Board of Ethics Committee Special Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

II. Roll Call & Determine Quorum

Commissioners Present

Mary Camilli
(Ellen) Lyn Connery
Robert Gerrol
Nancy Cappello
Kristen Wagner
Frank Marci

Commissioners Absent

Edwin Zacharias
Spencer Lombard

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Edwin Zacharias
Town Clerk

III. Public Participation

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive: I am a little concerned about what is going on with Facebook; things aren't being discussed at this table which I understand, but I'd like some clarification. In my opinion, this is what has transpired: The Respondent has the right to speak prior to testifying. He or she also has the right after they have been notified of the decision to speak in public. In reading the Code of Ethics, what I am taking from it is that unless the Respondent asks the Board to release the information--if there is no probable cause, then everything shall remain confidential except upon the request from the Respondent. Then the Board shall publish its findings of its reasons for reaching that decision except--and it goes on. But I've seen on Facebook that he was found not guilty and he was dismissed, and today's latest stuff is about the lawsuit, and I just don't feel as though this is the proper way that this should be going. I am not faulting anyone here. If you take away anything at all from this, you should go back to the Town Council and say something has to be done. The way the appointments were made, I found that very disturbing. The way the whole thing has gone is very disturbing to me. It seems that the Respondent has more rights than the Claimant.

IV. Remarks by Board Members

None.

V. Approval of Minutes

- A. January 16, 2024 Special Meeting
- B. February 20, 2024 Special Meeting
- C. March 5, 2024 Special Meeting

Chairman Connery made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 16, 2024, February 20, 2024 and March 5, 2024. Frank Marci seconded the Motion. All in favor—minutes accepted.

VI. Schedule Meetings

Attorney Needelman asked to put that on the agenda just in case, and he stated that you might want to hold off and take that up later in the evening depending on how things play out. Chairman Connery stated that two more meetings were already scheduled.

VII. Executive Session – CGS §1-200(6)(A), Newington Code §32-12 A, Investigation/Interviews re: Ethics Complaint(s)

Chairman 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: Attorney, Respondent and Attorney, Complainant, witnesses for the purpose of investigating a pending Ethics' complaint. Motion was seconded by Frank Marci and voted on. All were in favor, and they went into Executive Session at 6:35 pm.

Adjourned from Executive Session at 9:58 pm.

VIII. Public Participation

None.

IX. Adjournment

Chairman Connery adjourned the meeting and Frank Marci seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:59 pm.