

BOARD OF ETHICS

May 28, 2024

Special Meeting – 6:30 pm

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

I. Call to Order

Chairman Lyn Connery called the Board of Ethics Committee Special Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

II. Roll Call & Determine Quorum

Commissioners Present

(Ellen) Lyn Connery
Robert Gerrol
Edwin Zacharias
Spencer Lombard
Nancy Cappello
Kristen Wagner
Frank Marci

Commissioners Absent

Mary Camilli

We do have a quorum.

III. Public Participation

None.

IV. Remarks by Board Members

Robert Gerrol stated that he had been reviewing much of what had been going on since this was started, and one of the things that made him rather sad is that the Complainant's presentation--while it had some important considerations for us--the unfortunate part about it was that there was too much in the way of suppositions. The Complainant had a lot of information that I looked at again, and then I reviewed all of that which I had read and heard, and it reminded me of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. It dawned on me that what we were hearing was 'she said, he said' and then 'she said, she said'. This is unfortunate because much of this is unproven and unprovable, and I think that's very sad because there were some important considerations for us all. In my opinion, I don't know where we are; but while there might be an inkling of probable cause, the point is that we are past that, and I don't see any value/benefit of going forward any further on this because I don't think it would accomplish anything. The Respondents are no longer in the

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positions they were in before, so it seems to me that what we have is a moot situation. I'm not sure if anyone else has the same feelings. One of the things that I read was that it was said that I don't live here and I don't work in Town Hall. The fact that they don't work in Town Hall is not exactly true because in order to do the work that they do which is admittedly very important work, they do work in Town Hall. They might not have a desk, but they have a Conference Room where they debate the needs of their positions.

**V. Executive Session – CGS §1-200(6)(A), Newington Code §32-12A,
Investigation/Interviews re: Ethics Complaint #2 & #3**

Chairman Connery made a Motion: That the Newington Board of Ethics, in accordance with CGS §1-200, Newington Code §32-12A hereby moves to go into Executive Session with the following to be in attendance: Board of Ethics' members, Board of Ethics' clerk, Attorney Marc Needelman for the purpose of finishing a pending investigation on Complaints #2 & #3. Motion was seconded by Kristen Wagner and voted on. Vote was passed. They went into Executive Session at 6:36 pm.

Adjourned from Executive Session at 7:01 pm.

VI. Complaint #2

Chairman Connery made a Motion that the Newington Board of Ethics finds that Complaint #2 filed on 10/10/2023 was found not to have established probable cause that a breach of ethics and violation of the Newington Code of Ethics took place. Motion seconded by Kristen Wagner. Voted on and passed 6-0 in favor. (Edwin Zacharias abstained because he was absent at the last meeting).

VII. Complaint #3

Chairman Connery made a Motion that the Newington Board of Ethics finds that Complaint #3 filed on 10/10/2023 was found not to have established probable cause that a breach of ethics and violation of the Newington Code of Ethics took place. Motion seconded by Kristen Wagner. Voted on and passed 6-0 in favor. (Edwin Zacharias abstained because he was absent at the last meeting).

Frank Marci stated he felt badly for all that family and friends have gone through.

**VIII. Executive Session – CGS §1-200(6)(A), Newington Code §32-12A,
Investigation/Interviews re: Ethics Complaint #4**

Chairman Connery made a Motion: That the Newington Board of Ethics, in accordance with CGS §1-200, Newington Code §32-12A hereby moves to go into Executive Session with the following to be in attendance: Board of Ethics' members, Board of Ethics' clerk, Attorney Marc Needelman for the purpose of investigating a pending Complaint

#4. Motion was seconded by Kristen Wagner and voted on. Vote was passed. They went into Executive Session at 7:06 pm.

Adjourned from Executive Session at 7:42 pm.

IX. Schedule Meetings

Next scheduled meeting is June 11 at 6:30 pm.

X. Public Participation

None.

XI. Adjournment

Chairman Connery adjourned the meeting and Kristen Wagner seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:43 pm.