

TOWN OF GUILFORD
BOARD OF ETHICS
DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 16, 2020
TOWN HALL

Members Present: Chair Deborah Daddio, Paul Chello, Aaron Hershman and Ken Wilson.

Absent: Barbara Hemming

Chair Deborah Daddio called the meeting to order at 4:40PM.

1. Public Forum

None

Approval of December 17, 2019 meeting minutes.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Chello, the December 17, 2019 minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Approval of February 27, 2020 “special meeting minutes”.

Commissioner Daddio amended the minutes to reflect a correction in the spelling of the word “compliant to read complaint” in the first sentence under Chair daddio’s call to order.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Daddio, the February 27, 2020 special meeting minutes were amended as suggested and approved unanimously.

3. Old Business

The Commission received an update on the Ethics Complaint the Commission took action on during the February 2020 Special Meeting. The Board of Selectmen accepted the Commission’s recommendation and amended it to include a further stipulation.

4. New Business

The Commission considered sections of the existing Town of Guilford Code of Ethics for possible revision. There was discussion among the Commissioners on the subject of “Whistleblowers.” Commissioner Chello researched surrounding Towns’ Codes of Ethics, particularly “whistleblower” provisions, and shared his findings with the Commissioners.

After review and discussion, it was decided that the existing “whistleblower” section in the Code was sufficient.

There was discussion regarding the research Commissioner Hershman completed into the Codes of Ethics of other towns regarding “appearance of impropriety” and “integrity.” The Codes of Ethics for the Towns of Derby and Orange included language addressing these issues, while Guilford’s Code does not. The Commission agreed to give further consideration to the existing Town of Guilford Code of Ethics and will continue its review. No action was taken.

5. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Daddio, the Board adjourned the meeting at 5:40PM and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kenneth Wilson
Acting Secretary*