

Town of Guilford
Board of Ethics
Meeting
APPROVED Minutes
December 15, 2015

Note: Please be advised that at this time the following are strictly “Draft Minutes” until approved by the Board of Ethics. Once approved the minutes will be marked as “Approved Minutes” and will be available in the clerk’s office or upon request.

Members Present: Arthur Benson, Anthony Fappiano, Ken Wilson and Deborah Daddio

Members Absent: Barbara Hemming

Staff Present: Lisa Brewer, Secretary of Record

Chairman Benson called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Approval of Prior Meeting’s Minutes:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Fappiano seconded by Commissioner Wilson, it was voted to approve the September 24, 2015 minutes as submitted/amended.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Commissioner Wilson spoke regarding the use of Social Media by town officials and the impact of this type of communication. Commissioner Daddio offered to read the report for discussion at the next meeting. Chairman Benson appointed Commissioners’ Wilson and Daddio to spearhead this project and report back to the Board. Chairman Benson will speak to town officials on this subject and will also report back to the Board.
- The Board unanimously agreed to continue with quarterly meeting
- Chairman Benson shared an article from the Hartford Courant regarding a State Employee whistleblower’s federal lawsuit. He posed the question; what would we do to protect the whistleblower; how would we stop this type of retaliation? Chairman Benson went on to explain the Code of Ethics would only come into play if the individual came to the BOE and not to their department head. He noted we are an advisory board and not enforcers. Commissioner Daddio asked, what would happen if we were to express an opinion and the department head refuses to honor that opinion? Chairman Benson noted it would be the responsibility of the First Selectman to make that decision. This item has been added to the next meeting agenda for further discussion.

Election of Officers:

Commissioner Daddio shared that she had spoken with all of the Board Members; Commissioner Hemming noted she is new and is comfortable with the Officers remaining as is. The remaining board members agreed.

Commissioner Daddio, as Election Official, made a motion to recommend the following nominations: Arthur Benson, Chairman, Deborah Daddio, Vice Chairman and Ken Wilson, Secretary. Commissioner Fappiano seconded. The Commission voted unanimously to approve.

With no further business before the commission, Commissioner Wilson motioned and was seconded by Commissioner Daddio to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm, with unanimous approval.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Brewer
Secretary