

DRAFT MINUTES

Board of Ethics

Meeting

March 11, 2014

Members Present: Arthur Benson, Anthony Fappiano, Nancy Arnold, Ken Wilson and Deborah Daddio
Staff Present: Sarah Judge, Secretary of Record

**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.*

The meeting was called to order at 4:35pm.

Approval of prior meeting minutes:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Daddio it was voted to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2013 meeting as submitted.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Arnold, seconded by Commissioner Daddio it was voted to enter into executive session at 4:37pm to discuss a "request for advisory opinion".

At 4:36PM Commissioner Fappiano arrived.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Daddio it was voted to exit executive session at 4:45pm.

Old Business:

▪ Discussion on suggestions regarding publicizing the Code of Ethics:

- Commissioner Benson spoke with Mitch Goldblatt (Director of Human Resources) regarding a list of options on how to publicize the new Code of Ethics. Mr. Goldblatt and the 1st Selectman-Mr. Mazza discussed potential options. Commissioner Benson followed up with the 1st Selectman and they decided the Board of Ethics is welcome to attend an upcoming Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss the potential options. Mr. Mazza is also going to have Pam Millman review them for reference. Commissioner Benson and possibly Commissioner Daddio will attend the April 21, 2014 Board of Selectmen meeting.
- Commissioner Daddio and Commissioner Wilson agreed to meet with the Director of Human Resources for the Board of Education to discuss the potential options and how to communicate them to school employees.

Mr. Jeffrey Beatty appeared before the Board at 4:50PM and presented a "request for advisory opinion". Discussion ensued and the members were given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss his request. Mr. Beatty exited the meeting at 5:35PM.

Upon a motion by Commission Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Fappiano it was voted to enter into executive session at 4:55pm for further discussion on the "request for advisory opinion".

Upon a motion by Commissioner Fappiano, seconded by Commissioner Wilson it was voted to exit executive session at 7:22pm.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Daddio, it was voted that we the Board of Ethics unanimously agree that your wife's employment in the Guilford Public School system is not a conflict of interest. However, we further unanimously agree that there is a perception of conflict of interest regarding your representation of clients appealing the Town's assessment of their real properties, although it does not rise to the level of a conflict of interest. We recommend that you exercise full disclosure when exercising your duties as a Board of Finance member.

With no further business to come before the Board, it was voted to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Ethics at 7:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Judge - Recording Secretary