

DRAFT MINUTES
Board of Ethics
Meeting
March 17, 2015

Members Present: Arthur Benson, Barbara Hemming, Anthony Fappiano, Ken Wilson and Deborah Daddio
Members absent: n/a
Staff Present: Sarah Judge, Secretary of Record

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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 4:58pm.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Fappiano it was voted to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2014 as submitted. Commissioner Hemming abstained.

Update on Activity:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Fappiano it was voted to enter into Executive Session at 5:03pm.

The Commission discussed phone calls regarding a potential complaint/opinion.

The Commission exited Executive Session at 5:27pm.

Commissioner Benson reported a telephone conversation with Guilford Health Director Dennis Johnson. He received a request for a letter of recommendation from a private medical services company planning on opening a facility in Guilford. He requested the advice of the Board of Ethics as to whether he should do so. After discussion, the Board agreed to recommend that he not provide a letter. The Board agreed that a public official should not be involved with a commercial enterprise other than in any way other than in their normal responsibilities.

5:45pm - Commissioner Wilson left the meeting.

New Business:

Commissioner Benson handed out an article regarding a Massachusetts teacher that won an essay contest for \$150,000. With her winnings she gave every student at her school a backpack with school supplies and a gift card and each teacher received a \$500 gift card for school supplies. She was invited on the Ellen DeGeneres show and was given \$25,000. According to the State of Massachusetts Code of Ethics, municipal employees cannot accept gifts over \$50 so her situation is in question.

- A discussion of this situation followed with no action taken.

Discussed fictional Ethical Situation provided by Commissioner Daddio for practice only.

- Scenario was handed out, read and discussed by members.

Commissioner Wilson will provide the situation for the practice session at the next meeting

With no further business to come before the Board, it was voted to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Ethics at 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Judge - Recording Secretary