

## **AMENDED DRAFT MINUTES**

Board of Ethics  
**September 15, 2011**

Members Present: Arthur Benson, Anthony Fappiano, Ken Wilson, Nancy Arnold, 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 opened at 4:35pm

### **Public Forum:**

n/a

### **Approval of August 4, 2011 minutes:**

*Upon a motion by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Fappiano it is voted to approve the August 4, 2011 minutes as amended.*

### **Discuss the Potential Recommendation of § 31-2 in relation to the Town Charter:**

- Discussion regarding the need of the terms office and/or official being defined within the Town Charter.

4:50pm – Commissioner Arnold arrived.

Commissioner Benson met with Joe Mazza to discuss what the Board of Ethics has been working on. Pam Millman joined that meeting. Both Pam and Joe were given copies of the updated/revised Code of Ethics and they said they would get back to Commissioner Benson.

5:00pm - Commissioner Daddio arrived.

Discussion regarding the Board of Ethics' recommendation that the Town seek outside counsel to define the term office as it relates to 6.1(d) of the Town Charter.

- They have taken it under advisement and will address as they see fit. It is a costly and time consuming endeavor.

Commissioner Fappiano – I think it is important for this to be addressed as this issue could come up again for us and we need to know how to handle it.

Commissioner Wilson – having it reviewed by Town Counsel will not change our Advisory Opinion it will start from that part on.

Further discussion.

Commissioner Daddio – couldn't they just 'define' it from this point on instead of formally going through Town Counsel?

Commissioner Benson – it would have to be a Charter revision.

Commissioner Arnold - when a Charter Revision Committee is formed we should suggest that Board of Ethics is involved.

Commissioner Daddio – the appearance of impropriety is the issue.

Commissioner Wilson – my motion was made for clarification so that we have a clear cut definition.

**Correspondence:**

The Town has received an application from someone that is interested in being on the Board of Ethics. There are no openings at this time.

Commissioner Arnold – I think we should let the Board of Selectmen know that we are available for a workshop for explanation of our draft revisions of the Code of Ethics.

**New Business:**

Commissioner Benson passed out a newspaper article about an ethics matter in the Town of North Haven.

▪Discussion on how this Board would handle a situation like that.

Then with no further business before it, upon a motion by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Fappiano it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Ethics at 5:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Judge - Recording Secretary