

**Town of Newtown
Board of Ethics
Special Meeting
May 18, 2016**

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF ETHICS

The Board of Ethics held a special meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 in meeting room 1 in the Municipal Building, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT. Chairman Villa called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Present: Jackie Villa, Thomas Fuchs, Laurie Kilchevsky, Joyce Murty, Suzanne Copp

Absent: James Stringer, Parker Reardon, Kristen Provost-Switzer

Also Present: Attorney Levesque, and one member of the public

Minutes of the special meeting of 5/10/16 – Ms. Kilchevsky moved to approve the minutes of the 5/10/16 meeting with the following corrections: change “move” to “moved” in the first line. Change the date from “3/14/15” to “3/14/16” and in the last line change “Kichevsky” to “Kilchevsky”. Mr. Fuchs seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of the special meeting of 4/18/16 – Ms. Murty moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting of 4/18/16, Mr. Fuchs seconded. Ms. Murty requested amending the minutes with the votes to identify the votes taken by the Board of Ethics. Mr. Fuchs seconded the amendment. The minutes with the correction (Attachment A) were unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Final Report regarding hearings CA3-15 & CB3-15 – Mrs. Villa explained that she is working on a final report that will be a timeline of events and will have this for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

FOI request from Kathy Hamilton – Ms. Hamilton submitted a request for documents (Attachment B) which Mrs. Villa has responded to. Ms. Copp suggested that they contact Tom Hennick to make sure they are responding properly. There is a concern that they want to make sure that the documents requested are actually public records. It was suggested to have Tom Hennick come to the Board of Ethics for a presentation to answer specific questions relative to the Board of Ethics. Mrs. Villa will work on setting up a meeting.

Mrs. Villa also articulated that she received an e-mail from First Selectman, Pat Llorda in which she made a recommendation for council. The Board determined that they would like to continue with their current council.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlene Miles, Clerk

Attachment A



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Vote Results: April 18, 2016 Hearing, CB3-15

Violations – David Freedman

§27-2A 4 yes (Villa, Copp, Murty, Fuchs) 2 no (Stringer, Reardon)

§27-2B 4 yes (Villa, Copp, Murty, Fuchs) 2 no (Stringer, Reardon)

§27-2D 1 yes (Reardon) 5 no (Villa, Stringer, Copp, Murty, Fuchs)

§27-6A 6 yes

§27-6B 4 yes (Villa, Stringer, Copp, Murty) 2 no (Reardon, Fuchs)

§27-10A 2 yes (Villa, Murty) 4 no (Stringer, Copp, Reardon, Fuchs)



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Vote Results: April 18, 2016 Hearing, CA3-15

Violations – Kathryn Hamilton

§27-2A 4 yes(Villa, Copp, Murty, Fuchs) 2 no(Stringer, Reardon)

§27-2B 5 yes (Villa, Copp, Murty, Reardon, Fuchs) 1 no(Stringer)

§27-2D 6 no

§27-6A 3 yes (Villa, Murty, Fuchs) 3 no(Stringer, Copp, Reardon)

§27-6B 3 yes (Villa, Murty, Fuchs) 3 no(Stringer, Copp, Reardon)

§27-10A 2 yes (Villa, Murty) 4 no (Stringer, Copp, Reardon, Fuchs)

Attachment B

Cc: dgrogins <dgrogins@cohenandwolf.com>
Subject: Re: FOI Request
Date: Sat, May 14, 2016 4:07 pm

Absolutely Kathy. I will begin preparing that for you. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Jackie

Jacqueline Villa, Chairman
Board of Ethics
Town of Newtown

-----Original Message-----

From: Kathy Hamilton <kathyhamilton@att.net>
Cc: David Grogins <dgrogins@cohenandwolf.com>
Sent: Sat, May 14, 2016 3:49 pm
Subject: FOI Request

Dear Ms. Villa as Chairman of the Board of Ethics,

Please consider this an official FOI request. I would like copies of all communication (which includes but is not limited to emails, text messages, paper...) to, from, by and between the members of the Board of Ethics concerning both the Ethics complaints about Mr. Freedman and Ms. Hamilton and the FOIC complaints about Mr. Freedman and Ms. Hamilton. This would include but is not limited to any communications with the Board of Education, the Board of Education attorney (Rich Mills) and his legal staff, any Board of Education staff member, former Board of Education member Laura Roche and resident Laura Terry.

I am cc'ing the Town attorney so that there is a record of my request.

All my best,

Kathy Hamilton
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