

**Town of Newtown  
Board of Ethics  
Regular Meeting  
March 2, 2017  
7:00 p.m.  
Newtown Municipal Center – Meeting Room #3  
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT**

The Board of Ethics held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2017 in Meeting Room #3 at the Newtown Municipal Center, Newtown, CT.

**Present:** Jackie Villa, Chair; Joyce Murty, Vice Chair; Suzanne Copp, Tom Fuchs, and Laurie Kilchevsky

**Absent:** Rev. Kristen Provost Switzer

**Members of Public:** Ms. M. Anne Peters; Mr. David Camputo

Ms. Villa called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. stating that Ms. Provost Switzer was unable to attend. Arlene Miles, Clerk, was also unable to attend. Ms. Villa asked Ms. Murty to take the minutes of the meeting.

**Minutes:** Ms. Villa stated that the first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 2, 2017. After discussion indicating that the word “prevue” should be “purview” in the first paragraph under Unfinished Business, the word “probably” should be “probable” in the second paragraph under Unfinished Business, and that the words “procedures in the” should be added before “Code of Ethics” in the third paragraph under Unfinished Business, **Ms. Copp moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 2, 2017, Mr. Fuchs seconded, and the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 2, 2017, with minor typographical corrections.**

**Correspondence:** -Memo from Attorney David Grogins, dated February 27, 2017 and suggested revisions to Complaint Processing Procedures  
-Letter dated February 24, 2107 from M. Anne Peters regarding appointment as Alternative Member, and related email from Sue Marcinek, Executive Assistant, Office of the Selectman to the Board of Ethics  
-Letter dated February 10, 2017 from E. Patricia Llodra, First Selectman to Ms. Villa (and attachments) re recommendation of Mr. David Camputo for Alternate Member of the Board of Ethics

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Villa requested a motion to consider Agenda Item #4 – the consideration of the appointment of two alternate members to the Board of Ethics as the first order of business. **Ms. Kilchevsky so motioned, Mr. Fuchs seconded and the Board unanimously approved the motion to discuss Agenda #4 as the first order of business.**

*Consider appointment of two alternate members to the Board of Ethics*

The Board discussed the qualifications of both Ms. Peters and Mr. Camputo, both of whom were present, and all questions were answered to the satisfaction of the Board, including the fact that Mr. Camputo was seeking appointment as the Republican, not the Democrat, alternate member. **Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved a motion to accept the nomination of David Camputo as a Republican alternate member.**

Ms. Villa raised a concern regarding Ms. Peters' appointment and stated that because Ms. Peters had served on the Newtown's Inland Wetlands Commission during the past 3 years there was some question regarding her eligibility to serve on the Board of Ethics. The Board discussed whether to table or approve Ms. Peters' nomination pending clarification of eligibility. **Upon motion duly made and seconded to table Ms. Peters' nomination until the next regularly scheduled Board of Ethics meeting, pending clarification of her eligibility, the Board approved by a majority vote of 3 (Ms. Villa, Mr. Fuchs and Ms. Kilchevsky) to 2 (Ms. Murty and Ms. Copp) to table the approval of Ms. M. Ann Peters as a Democrat alternate member pending clarification of her eligibility to serve given her recent service as a member of the Inland Wetlands Commission.**

*Review complaint processing procedures and Q& form*

Ms. Murty reported that the members of the Board had not sufficient time to review the Memo from Attorney Grogins and his suggested revisions to the Complaint Processing Procedures which were provided to the Board the previous day. She stated that she would try to create a copy of the Procedures showing changes so that the Board could more easily review the suggested revisions before the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The Board was specifically concerned with clarifying the confidential aspects of a determination of probable cause that a violation of the Code of Ethics has or has not occurred. Mr. Fuchs also offered to revise the Q&A form consistent with the draft Complaint Processing Procedures prior to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. **Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved a motion to delay the approval of the Complaint Processing Procedures and the Q&A document pending further review.**

## NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Villa requested that the Board consider the addition of two regular meetings of the Board of Ethics in order to complete the review of the Complaint Processing Procedures. After

consideration, the Board unanimously approved a motion to add two additional regular meetings to the calendar of the Board of Ethics; one on May 11, 2017 and the second on July 13, 2017, both at 7:00 pm.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Murty