



TOWN OF NEWTOWN

BOARD OF ETHICS

Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Meeting Room #1, Newtown Municipal Center

3 Primrose Street, Newtown, Connecticut

Members Present: Ronald Wilcox (Chair), Suzanne Copp (Vice-Chair), Linda Dixon, James Stringer and Jacqueline Villa. **Members Absent:** Neal DeYoung and Addie Sandler.

Chairman Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Copp motioned to approve the minutes of October 3, 2013. Ms. Villa seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

Review of Town Charter – Mr. Wilcox opened discussion by stating that he received notification from the Chair of the Legislative Council that they are initiating the charter revision. The board is being asked to review the Board of Ethics portion of the charter.

The board reviewed the Charter and the Code Book (Board of Ethics). Mr. Wilcox said the board can modify or amend the Code of Ethics at any time. Since it is closely tied to the Town Charter, it makes sense to review both.

The board reviewed and discussed adjustments to the language of Section 4-60 (a) regarding the wording on the terms of members. They will work on rewriting a portion of 4-60 (d) and will seek clarification on 4-60 (e) by Town Counsel. Adjustments will also be made to 4-60 (h), and 4-60 (i) will be eliminated.

The board will ask for clarification on whether the Charter or the Code takes precedence.

Mr. Stringer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Ms. Copp seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Hazen, Clerk