

BOARD OF ETHICS
Special Meeting
Monday, February 29, 2016
Newtown Municipal Center – Meeting Room 3
3 Primrose Street, Newtown CT

The Board of Ethics held a special meeting on Monday, February 29, 2016 in meeting room #3 at the Newtown Municipal Center, Newtown. The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

Present: Jackie Villa, James Stringer, Joyce Murty, Suzanne Copp, Parker Reardon (6:56), Alternate Laurie Kilchevsky

Absent: None.

Also Present: Attorney Brendon Levesque of Horton Shields & Knox, Keith Alexander and Michelle Ku of the Board of Education, 2 members of the public, one member of the press

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Kilchevsky made a motion to approve the February 3, 2016 special meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Murty and unanimously approved.

Correspondence Inward:

Continuance Request/Vote

Mrs. Villa introduced Attorney Brendan Levesque of Horton Shields & Knox who will be representing the Board of Ethics. The Board was presented with a continuance request with respect to the potential hearing scheduled for March 3, 2016. Attorney Levesque advised that the request be granted and a letter sent to all parties suggesting several dates, one of which to be agreed upon. Mr. Stringer feels that enough notice was given in February's letter.

Ms. Murty made a motion to grant the continuance for a 4 week period during which several dates will be presented. Seconded by Ms. Kilchevsky. Mr. Stringer opposed. Motion approved by a 5 to 1 vote.

Ms. Murty made a motion to suggest March 29th, March 30th, and April 4th as possible dates for the continuance. Seconded by Ms. Kilchevsky and unanimously approved.

The potential hearing scheduled for March 3, 2016 will be postponed and an all parties will be notified by email; The Newtown Bee and the Town Clerk's Office will post the notice.

Review Hearing Procedures:

Mrs. Villa stated that Chapter 303 of the Code Book covers regulations which the Board of Ethics follows. A letter will be sent in response to respondent's attorney to provide specifics.

Ms. Murty made a motion to include Sect. 27-2(a), 27-2(b) and 27-2(d), seconded by Ms. Copp and unanimously approved.

Ms. Murty made a motion to include Sect. 27-6(a) and 27-6(b), seconded by Mr. Stringer and unanimously approved.

Ms. Murty made a motion to include Sect. 27-10(a), seconded by Mr. Stringer and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Villa reviewed procedures to be followed during the hearing including introduction, stating order of conduct, testimonies, voting, and a subsequent written response of findings. Deliberations will occur during Executive Session and vote will be presented during open session.

There being no further business, Mr. Stringer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Copp and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. LoBosco, Clerk