



The Town of **Simsbury, Connecticut**



Town of Simsbury Board of Ethics

Minutes of Regular Meeting, December 17, 2018

Board Members:

Present: David Moore (Chairman), Drew Brazier, Kevin Crimmins, Lynn Raccio, and Rick Jones (Vice-Chairman, by telephone).

Absent: None.

The Regular Meeting of the Simsbury Board of Ethics, noticed for December 17, 2018, was called to order at 7:10 p.m., a quorum having been achieved.

No action was taken as to the September 17, 2018 minutes, as no quorum was attained.

The Chair, using his discretion, took the meeting dates item of the agenda out of order. A motion was made to set the 2019 meeting dates: March 11, 2019; June 10, 2019; September 9, 2019; and December 9, 2019 by Kevin Crimmins and Seconded by Drew Brazier. Said Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

The Chair then opened the floor for further discussion of the proposed Rules guiding the actions of the Board of Ethics. Kevin Crimmins then explained the reasons for what he had proposed (and had been discussed in his absence at the June Meeting), and comments were made concerning his proposals. As a result of the comments, it was determined that what Kevin Crimmins had proposed was clearer, with two changes made to his proposal. Those changes included adding a final sentence to the first paragraph – “The form can be found on the Town Web-Site, under Board of Ethics, or at the Town Clerk’s Office.”; and a change to the seventh paragraph, first sentence, wherein the word “three” was changed to “more”. It was to be noted in the minutes that the Town Ethics Code allows the Board of Ethics to initiate its own Advisory Opinion and/or its own investigation into possible Ethics violations, so that it did not need to be repeated in the Rules. It was further to be noted in the minutes that the reason for the “two or more” language was to allow the Board of Ethics to act and deal with possible Board Member Conflicts of Interests/Recusals, such that the Board could act in a timely fashion on such Opinions or Ethics Investigations. The preferred method/approach to either action would be by the full Board, but it is noted that such cannot always be done, for the reasons set forth above. A motion was made to accept the proposed Rules, as amended, and present the same, along with a proposed Complaint Form following the Rules, to the Board of Selectmen for their approval by Kevin Crimmins and Seconded by Drew Brazier. Said motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

There being no further business brought before the Board, a Motion to Adjourn was made by Kevin Crimmins and Seconded by Drew Brazier. Said Motion passed by a vote of 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Moore, Chairman