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Minutes of Board of Ethics Meeting on April 13, 2010

At 8:01 p.m. on April 13, 2010, the Board of Ethics convened a duly noticed special meeting with a quorum consisting of members Richard S. Order, Chair, Peter Kellogg, Vice Chair and Secretary, Barbara Pettitjean, Todd Burrick, and David Blume. The notice was published on April 12, 2010, more than 24 hours prior to the convening of the meeting. The special meeting was called to consider a letter dated April 5th 2010 by a resident (the "author") to First Selectman Mary Glassman and Town Attorney Robert DeCrescenzo alleging conflicts of interest of certain members of two town commissions. The author and several of the commission members referenced in the letter were in attendance for the meeting.

The meeting started with Chairman Order asking the author whether he would like to register an official complaint in accordance with the Simsbury Code of Ethics. The author stated that he did not wish to file a complaint with the Board, as he had stated when asked the day before the meeting. Chairman Order then explained to the audience that the Complaint and Hearing Procedures envision normally filing a complaint through the Complaint Form, which would then be handled in confidential manner in accordance with State Statutes. In addition, Chairman Order explained the Board has the power to initiate a complaint in accordance with paragraph 13.2.C.2 of the Code of Ethics, but would need to go into executive session to discuss whether or not to pursue this option. At 8:21 p.m. Ms. Pettitjean made a motion to enter executive session and it was seconded by Mr. Burrick and unanimously approved.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:17 p.m. Chairman Order stated that there was no complaint before the Board, that the author declined twice to file a complaint, that the only way for the Board to move forward would be to initiate its own complaint and investigation, and that the Board did not find that the author's allegations warranted the initiation of a complaint and investigation by the Board. Ms. Pettitjean made a motion that the Board not initiate its own complaint and investigation, which was seconded by Mr. Burrick. The Board voted in favor of the motion unanimously.

Ms. Pettitjean then moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Kellogg and was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Dated: April 15, 2010

BOARD OF ETHICS

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Peter T. Kellogg, Vice Chair and Secretary