



Town of Simsbury Board of Ethics

Minutes of Special Meeting, June 6, 2017

Board Members:

Present: David Moore (Chairman), Rick Jones (Vice Chairman), Drew Brazer,
Kevin Crimmins, and Lynn Raccio.

Absent: Tom Rechen

The Special Meeting of the Simsbury Board of Ethics, noticed for June 6, 2017, was called to Order at 7:05 p.m., a quorum having been determined by the Chairman.

- 1) Kevin Crimmins moved that the Board table the consideration of the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2017, and that Motion was seconded by Drew Blazer. The Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.
- 2) Kevin Crimmins moved to table the review, discussion and any necessary motions concerning the Board of Ethics Rules Revisions, and the Motion was seconded by Rick Jones. The Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.
- 3) Chairman David Moore then opened the discussion on the issue of potential conflicts of interest by noting that twice during the public audiences of recent Board of Selectmen meetings, the issue of potential conflicts of interest was raised with regard to one member of the Board of Selectmen. The Chairman also noted that, come December, 2017, the Town Charter will change with respect to a new form of Town Government, with a Town Manager. An informal consensus of the Board determined to review potential and/or actual conflicts of interest, in light of the new Town governance, in a timely fashion (prior to the party caucuses nominating candidates for the upcoming Town elections). The Conflict of Interest statements for all members of the Boards of Finance, Education and Selectmen were distributed to all members of this Board, and the review commenced, led by the Chair. The Board entertained discussion of each individual's Conflict of Interest Statement to determine whether the Board felt a more detailed review of any individual's activities was warranted in light of changes in the form of Town Government and reporting relationships resulting therefrom. It was noted that the Board of Finance member Derek Peterson did not yet file a Conflict statement, and that the same would be requested. At the end of the discussion a motion was made by Kevin Crimmins and seconded by Lynn Raccio that the Chairman would be authorized to issue a written invitation to Selectman Michael Paine to discuss his actual conflict of interest with the Board at its next Regular Meeting, in Executive Session if needed, given the changes in Government structure and his potential role as First Selectman, and even as a member of the Board of Selectmen, may be affected by previously issued opinions of the Board of Ethics. The motion was approved 5-0.
- 4) There being no other business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Crimmins and seconded by Rick Jones. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Jones, Vice-Chairman