

Minutes
Board of Ethics Special Meeting
March 6, 2023, 7:00pm

Members in attendance were:

Vivian Hardison, Ben Lehberger, Mark Peyser, Craig Sternberg, and Emma Montoya

Pursuant to the Agenda, the following items were taken up:

1. The Board of Ethics meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by co-chair Vivian Hardison
2. Minutes were reviewed. The following amendments were made to the minutes:
 - a) Co-chair Vivian Hardison requested a motion to add items to the agenda. Motion was made by Mark Peyser to add items to the agenda and seconded by Emma Montoya. Vote was unanimous. The following items were added to the agenda:
 1. Public Comments
 2. Ethics Complaint Submission Form
 3. Other Business
 - b) Public comments were made to address areas of Ethics Ordinance. Results of public comments included:
 - a. The public's suggestions to be sent to the Board of Ethics or Selectmen via email
 - b. Section 52-2 - Duty to Report
 - c. Section 52-2 - Impartiality and Integrity
 - d. Section 52-3 - Conflict of Interests: Add a Section to include Illegal/Criminal Conduct
 - e. Section 52-12 - Adjudicatory and penalty powers of the Board of Ethics
 - i. #3 needs to be reviewed/revised
 - ii. #6 needs to be reviewed/revised
 - c) Ethics complaint form needs to be made into a writable format for ease of access and use.
 - d) At 7:38pm, with no other public business to address, co-chair Vivian Hardison requested a motion to move into Executive Session. Motion was made by Mark Peyser and seconded by Emma Montoya. Vote was unanimous. Executive Session ended at 8:48pm.
 - e) Outcome of Executive Session: 1) Response to Board of Selectman question; 2) Schedule private meeting with each person who filed a complaint.
 - f) There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Mark Peyser to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Ethics. Motion was seconded by Emma Montoya. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

3. Motion was requested by co-chair Vivian Hardison to approve above referenced amendments to the February 13, 2023, minutes. Motion made by Mark Peyser and seconded by Ben Lehberger. Vote was unanimous.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Revisit Rules of Operations for Board of Ethics
 - i. Multiple complains
 - ii. Time line for accepting complaints
 - iii. Composition of committee to review and revise Ethics Ordinance
 - iv. Board of Selectmen to assign committee members.
5. New Business: No new business
6. Co-chair Ben Lehberger requested a motion to move into Executive Session. Mark Peyser made the motion and Vivian Hardison second the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Board of Ethics went into Executive Session at 7:21pm.

7. Motion requested by Ben Lehberger to move out of Executive Session. Motion made by Mark Peyser and second by Craig Sternberg. Vote was unanimous. Executive Session ended at 9:05pm.
8. Outcome of Executive Session: Board of Ethics agreed to continue its investigation.
9. Next meeting of the Board of Ethics is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 6:00pm.
10. Motion was requested by Ben Lehberger to adjourn the meeting. Emma Montoya made the motion and it was second by Mark Peyser. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.

Vivian C. Hardison/Ben Lehberger/
Co-Chair Co-Chair