

**Town of Guilford
Board of Ethics
Draft Regular Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2022
4:30 p.m.
Selectmen's Meeting Room
Guilford Town Hall and Zoom**

Present: Board of Ethics: Deborah Daddio, Chair; Ken Wilson;
Barbara Hemming, (via Zoom); Aaron Hershman, (via
Zoom)
Absent: Paul Chello
Others: Howard (Hesch) Sommer, Incoming Board member
(January, 2023)

Chair Deborah Daddio called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

1. Public Forum

Mr. Sommer introduced himself, he will be serving on the board beginning in January, 2023. He will be replacing Chairperson Deborah Daddio, whose term has expired. The current members welcomed Mr. Sommer, everyone looks forward to working together.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Approval of minutes of the September 13, 2022 regular meeting.

The Commission discussed the minutes, and confirmed that the reference to the Town Code in Item 3.1.B was correct.

Motion: Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, and seconded by Mr. Hershman, the Board of Ethics voted to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022 regular meeting as presented.

In Favor: *Daddio, Hemming, Hershman, Wilson*
Opposed: *None*
Abstained: *None*

3. New Business

3.1 Nominations for 2022 Board of Ethics officers

3.1.a. Proposed Slate of Officers:

Chairman – Kenneth Wilson
 Vice-Chairman – Paul Chello
 Secretary – Barbara Hemming

Motion: *There being no other nominations, Mr. Hershman made a motion to approve the proposed slate of officers as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hemming.*

In Favor: *Daddio, Hemming, Hershman, Wilson*
Opposed: *None*
Abstained: *None*

3.2 Election of Board of Ethics officers for CY2023

Motion: *Upon a motion by Mr. Hershman, and seconded by Ms. Hemming, the Board of Ethics voted to approve the slate of officers as follows:*

Chairman – Kenneth Wilson
 Vice-Chairman – Paul Chello
 Secretary – Barbara Hemming

In Favor: *Daddio, Hemming, Hershman, Wilson*
Opposed: *None*
Abstained: *None*

3.3 Discussion and approval of the 2023 Board of Ethics meeting dates:

March 14, 2023
June 13, 2023
September 12, 2023
December 12, 2023

Motion: *Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, and seconded by Ms. Hemming, the Board of Ethics voted to approve the 2023 Board of Ethics meeting dates as presented.*

In Favor: *Daddio, Hemming, Hershman, Wilson*
Opposed: *None*
Abstained: *None*

3.4 Discussion of Current Events Ethics Issues

Mr. Wilson shared a recent news article regarding a Tampa, Florida Police Chief who tried to use her position to influence a fellow police officer who stopped the

Chief for a traffic violation. The Chief eventually resigned from her job as Police Chief as a result of the unethical use of her position.

The Board discussed this incident, and the importance of the role that Boards of Ethics play in government. Not all municipalities have ethics boards, but Guilford's Board has been utilized many times for various matters. Members of different town boards and commissions have sought advisory opinions to ensure that they are acting appropriately in their various roles. The Board of Ethics also had to act on an incident regarding the undue use of influence by a town commissioner.

4. Old Business

Ms. Hemming and Mr. Wilson thanked Chairperson Daddio for her service to the Board. She has done a phenomenal job, and has been an excellent leader. Mr. Hershman echoed those sentiments, adding his thanks as well. She has made the job of the other board members straightforward and uncomplicated.

5. Public Forum

None

6. Adjournment

Motion: *Upon a motion by Mr. Wilson, and seconded by Ms. Hemming, the Board of Ethics voted to adjourn at 4:53 p.m.*

In Favor: *Daddio, Hemming, Hershman, Wilson*

Opposed: *None*

Abstained: *None*

The next meeting of the Board of Ethics will be held March 14, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Quercia
Clerk