

**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