

Council on Ethics  
Minutes of Meeting  
Town of Wilton, Connecticut  
Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Chair Sayegh called the meeting to order through the Town of Wilton Zoom link at 7:03 p.m. in the presence of a quorum. Present were Council Members Edwards, Brown, Miller, Conway and Sayegh.

On motion by member Edwards and second by member Miller, the adoption of the Agenda as filed was accepted unanimously.

On motion by member Edwards and second by member Miller, the Minutes of the regular meeting on September 23, 2020 were approved without change.

Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs, joined the meeting at the request of the Council to provide information on, among other things, how he understands and/or manages the bidding process for tree planting in the town and how the Tree Committee determines what trees will be planted and who will be asked to perform that work.

Mr. Conklin made a statement about the role of Environmental Affairs, the process used by Environmental Affairs to hire arborists and landscapers for projects in Environmental Affairs' purview, the workings of the Tree Committee and the Tree Wardens. The members then asked Mr. Conklin questions in turn, Brown, Edwards, Miller and Sayegh. Mr. Conklin left the meeting at 7:58.

The Council members agreed to meet on November 11, 2020 to deliberate on whether it constitutes a conflict of interest for the Tree Warden and/or a member of the Inland Wetlands Committee to bid for and/or receive payment for planting trees for the Town.

Member Edwards moved to adjourn. Member Miller seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.