

Council on Ethics  
Minutes of Meeting  
Town of Wilton, Connecticut  
Friday, November 19, 2021

Chair Sayegh called the meeting to order through the Town of Wilton Zoom link at 6:34 p.m. in the presence of a quorum. Present were Council Members Edwards, Brown, Conway and Chair Sayegh.

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

Chair Sayegh announced that the Council has a new member, Perri Shepard. Shepard is not participating in the matter before the committee at this meeting because she joined the Council after the testimony on the matter had been received by the members.

Chair Sayegh turned to item 4 on the Agenda, "Council Vote on Approval of the Following Tree Warden Advisory Opinion Regarding the Nick Lee Request." In alphabetical order, members Brown, Conway, Edwards and Chair Sayegh expressed their views on the matter under consideration: whether a conflict of interest occurs when a Tree Warden fulfills a Town service in the planting of a tree under the Wilton Tree Donation Program. The four members then voted unanimously to issue an Advisory Opinion that if a Tree Warden wishes to fulfill a Town service in the planting of a tree under the Wilton Tree Donation Program, there will be no ethics violation if the cost of the tree planting, minus the Town donation, does not exceed \$500 as that amount is considered *de minimus*.

Chair Sayegh agreed to draft the Advisory Opinion. She announced that she is leaving the Council to take a position on another Town board. She thanked the Council for its efforts and announced that Member Edwards will become the Chair and will notice our next meeting in the Spring.

Member Edwards moved to adjourn. Chair Sayegh seconded. The members voted and the meeting was adjourned.