

Council on Ethics
Minutes of Meeting
Town of Wilton, Connecticut
Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Chair Elizabeth Edwards called the Wilton Council on Ethics meeting to order at Comstock Community Center, Room 8, at 7:07 p.m. in the presence of a quorum. Present were Council Chair Edwards and Members Rhonda Brown and Thanh Tsoi. Member Tamara Conway was in attendance by telephone.

Brown moved to adopt Agenda; Tsoi seconded. Adoption of the Agenda as filed was accepted unanimously.

Tsoi moved to accept the Minutes of the March 28, 2023 meeting. Edwards seconded. Members Conway, Edwards, Tsoi and Brown voted to adopt the Minutes of the March 28, 2023 meeting as filed.

The Council members next discussed Election of Officers, including responsibilities of each office – Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. After a discussion of the members’ upcoming schedules, the Council members determined to vote on whether to postpone the election of officers for six months, leaving Edwards to continue as Chair, Conway as Vice-Chair, and Brown as Secretary until that time. Brown moved to postpone election of officers for six months. The motion passed unanimously. The members agreed that Member Tsoi will write the Wilton Republican and Democratic Nominating Committees and request that the committees nominate another member to the Council to fill out the Council membership to the five members contemplated in the Town Code of Ethics.

The Council turned to Other Business and discussed a potential matter that had been brought to the Members’ attention through individual emails. The individual raising the issue had been contacted by the Town Clerk about the proper procedure to place the matter before Council and the individual has acknowledged receipt of that information. The Council will address the matter when it is properly brought before the Council.

Member Tsoi raised a second item of new business: citizens’ contacting individual Council Members through town email, rather than writing the Town Clerk with complaints or requests for Advisory Opinions as required in the Code of Ethics. Member Brown moved that the Council contact the Town Clerk and request removal of Council Members’ emails from the Town Website and the addition of a link to the Code of Ethics where the procedures are described. Member Edwards seconded. The motion was improved unanimously. Member Tsoi will reach out to the Town Clerk and make this request.

Members then discussed final editorial changes to the Council’s Advisory Opinion concerning review of “the Planning and Zoning Commission’s decision regarding ARB/VDDAC [Architectural Review Board and Village Design District Advisory Committee] member’s participation in

applications and clarification of the interpretation of Conflict of Interest.” Council Members agreed that Brown will prepare the final opinion and Chair Edwards will submit it to the Town Clerk.

Finally, the Members tentatively scheduled the next Council Meeting for October 3, 2023 at 7 pm.

Brown moved to adjourn. Edwards seconded. The members voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Note: These Minutes have not been reviewed by the Council and may be subject to revision in future minutes.