

Council on Ethics
Minutes of Meeting
Town of Wilton, Connecticut
Friday, September 29, 2023

Chair Thanh Tsoi called the Wilton Council on Ethics meeting to order at Comstock Community Center, Room 31, at 5:38 p.m. in the presence of a quorum. Present were Council Chair Tsoi and Members Rhonda Brown, Tamara Conway, and Elizabeth Edwards

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

Edwards moved to accept the Minutes of the September 5, 2023 meeting. Brown seconded. Members Tsoi, Edwards, and Brown voted to adopt the Minutes of the September 5, 2023 meeting as filed. Conway abstained.

Brown moved that the Council vote to approve the advisory opinion discussed in executive session on April 18, 2023 and issued to Rob Sanders, member of the Village District Design Advisory Committee/Architecture Review Board. Edwards seconded. The vote was unanimous and the April 18, 2023 advisory opinion was approved.

Edwards moved that the Council vote to approve the advisory opinion discussed in executive session on September 5th and issued to Board of Education candidates Heather Priest and Mark Shaner. Tsoi seconded. Brown, Edwards and Tsoi voted Aye. Conway voted Nay. The September 5, 2023 advisory opinion was approved.

Edwards moved that the Council go into Executive Session to discuss a pending request for an advisory opinion. Brown seconded the motion noting that the discussion involved a personnel issue. The motion was

approved unanimously, and the Council went into Executive Session at 5:44. At 5:47, the Council invited First Selectwoman, Lynne Vanderslice, into the Executive Session to answer a procedural question. The executive Session ended at 6:40.

Chair Tsoi summarized the request for an advisory opinion from Board of Education Candidate Lori Bufano and read the opinion summary: It is the opinion of the Council that, based on the definitions in the Code of Ethics for the Town of Wilton, service on the Board, under the facts presented in Ms. Bufano's letter, would not present a potential Financial Conflict of Interest or a potential Personal Conflict of Interest.

Tsoi moved that the Council vote to approve the advisory opinion discussed in executive session to be issued to Lori Bufano. Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The advisory opinion of September 29, 2023 was approved.

Conway moved that the Council revisit the September 5th advisory opinions issued to Heather Priest and Mark Shaner, which were approved on September 29th. The motion was not seconded and so did not move to a vote.

Chair Tsoi noted that there would be no vote on revised advisory opinions for Heather Priest and Mark Shaner as referenced in the agenda (6b and 6c) because the motion to revisit these opinions did not move forward.

The Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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

