

COUNCIL ON ETHICS

Minutes

of the September 3, 2008 Meeting held at the Town Hall Annex.

Present: Virginia Benin, Stephen Hudspeth, John Ingersoll, Peter Kaskell.

Steve Hudspeth opened the meeting at 11:15 a.m., and the agenda for the meeting was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Hudspeth explained for the record that Howard Friedman has moved to Chicago and is no longer a resident – and hence is no longer an elector – of the Town. Therefore, he is ineligible to continue in service on the Council under the terms of Section C-1 of the Code of Ethics. Mr. Hudspeth reported that he has been advised that the Board of Selectmen will be considering in the near future the appointment of a replacement for Mr. Friedman to the Council.

The following officers were elected unanimously on motions made and seconded: Steve Hudspeth, Chair; Peter Kaskell, Vice-Chair; and Steve Hudspeth, Secretary. Each accepted.

The Council unanimously reconfirmed its resolution adopted at its September 19, 2007 meeting that no member of the Council shall give oral advice to any person asking questions about the Code except to direct them to the relevant provisions of the Code, including the sample forms. All requests that require interpretation or rulings must be presented to the Council as a whole in writing for decision and action.

Mr. Hudspeth reported that a single Request for an Advisory Opinion (the “Request”) has been filed under the new Code that took effect on September 15, 2007, and that no Complaints have been filed under the new Code. The Request was filed on August 25, 2008. The Council then considered the Request, including hearing from the author of the Request and his supervisor. The Council voted unanimously on its advice. That advice is given in its Advisory Opinion, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes along with a copy of the Request.

The Council heard a brief report from the Chair on the status of work on the drafting of codes covering BOE and Fire Department employees. The Council then considered a letter of July 15, 2008 from the Charter Commission addressed to the Council asking for any ideas and suggestions concerning what “works well in Wilton government and what needs changing.” The Council decided that the letter sought comments from Council members individually, and therefore left members to make their own individual responses if they wished.

The next scheduled meeting of the Council shall take place on a date to be selected by members’ mutual agreement during the month of April, 2009 at the Church Complex at 36 New Canaan Road. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Dated: September 4, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Hudspeth, Chair