

COUNCIL ON ETHICS

Minutes

of its December 16, 2009 Meeting held at the Church Complex at 36 New Canaan Road.

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m., and the Agenda for the meeting as filed in the Town Clerk's Office and published on the Town's website was unanimously adopted.

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

The Council unanimously reconfirmed its resolution adopted at its September 19, 2007 meeting and reconfirmed at its September 3, 2008 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.

It was noted by the Chair that the members reappointed to the Council this fall were erroneously reappointed to only two-year terms when their appointments should have been for three years in accordance with the Code and to preserve the board-member staggering provided for therein. The Chair reported that the Board of Selectmen plan to correct this next fall by further reappointment of the two members reappointed this fall to terms that will end three years from fall, 2009 to observe the appropriate staggering of the membership of the entire Council.

It was agreed that the next scheduled semi-annual meeting of the Council shall take place on a date in the month of April or May, 2010 to be selected by agreement among the members and at a mutually convenient location, unless events before then require a meeting sooner.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Dated: December 17, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Stephen Hudspeth
Stephen Hudspeth, Chair