



City of Stamford
Board of Ethics
888 Washington Blvd.
Stamford, CT 06901

Public Meeting
Stamford Government Center
May 4, 2015
DRAFT Minutes

Present:

Cheryl Bader, Chair
Allan Lang, Member
Michael Thomas, Alternate & Acting Secretary
Adam Vandervoort, Member

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bader at 7:15 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes of April 20, 2015

A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and carried unanimously.

2. Advisory Opinion for Thomas Mills

Mr. Mills did not appear before the Board as discussed at the April 20 meeting to continue seeking an Advisory Opinion regarding potential conflicts of interest arising from his position as chairman of the Zoning Board should he pursue real estate projects for himself or his company which may require approvals by the Zoning Board. A discussion among the members focused on the question of what the public would consider proper limits on advantages to someone's business as a result of civic engagement with the City of Stamford. The members considered the level of business a sitting civic board member should be permitted to secure for his/her gain. This discussion focused on several Code Sections including 19-4 Conflicts of interests and 19-5 Prohibited interests.

The members discussed several scenarios including permitting a board member with business interests that relate to the board's purview to appear before a board with an application but not to participate in deliberations of that application. The members also determined that a board member who voted on an application should not be permitted to bid on that application.

3. Annual Report

The members discussed the Annual Report and Guidance Memo. Chairman Bader will draft an annual report that covers the board's activities during 2014 through 2015. The board needs a final draft of the 2014 annual report that was provided to the Mayor.

The motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Thomas, Acting Secretary