



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Code of Ethics Committee



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### Minutes of the June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jared Stevens at 7:30PM in the Rogers Memorial Library study conference room.

#### **Roll Call:**

Members present: Jared Stevens; Todd Terrien; Kimberly Rice; Heather Smalley; and Shane Coughlin.

All members were present.

Others: Mike Drouin and Margaret Huard.

**Old Business:** None.

#### **New Business:**

1. Acceptance of an ethical complaint filed by Mike Drouin.

Motion by Shane Coughlin, seconded by Todd Terrien, to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (e) *Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled.*

The motion passed 5-0 by roll call.

Non-public session entered into at 7:32PM.

The Code of Ethics Committee reviewed the ethical complaint filed by Mike Drouin. The Code of Ethics Committee agreed to move forward with scheduling a public hearing to review the case.

Motion by Todd Terrien, seconded by Kimberly Rice, to exit non-public session.  
Motion passed 5-0.

Public session opened at 7:45PM.

Jared Stevens: We will be accepting the complaint and scheduling a date to have it heard in front of the Town. It will likely be at the Old Library. We will work on getting you a date. It will be posted, and you will receive a letter about it. It is likely going to be during the second week of July. Mike Drouin will be given the opportunity to speak and explain his perspective on what happened as well as why he filed the complaint. The Board of Selectmen will be notified and requested to have a representative there to offer their perspective. The Ethics Committee will then make a recommendation.

Kimberly Rice: To clarify, we will have Mike Drouin, the petitioner, and a representative from the Board of Selectmen speaking at this public hearing.

Jared Stevens: Please be prepared to speak to us and others. If possible, look for past cases.

Kimberly Rice: If you have a typed testimony, please submit it to us in advance.

Mike Drouin: Can I have witnesses?

Jared Stevens: No. We will only have you, the Board of Selectmen representative, and the Chair of the Conservation Committee speak – if he wishes to attend.

Mike Drouin: What about a lawyer; would I be able to have my lawyer there to speak.

Jared Stevens: You can bring an attorney to consult, but the attorney may not speak.

Mike Drouin: How long do you expect this meeting to last?

Jared Stevens: It depends on how long the testimony is and how long the rebuttal is. We will allow you; the Board of Selectmen representative; and the Chair of the Conservation Commission speak. I don't see there being more than three people speaking that night. Perhaps it will last forty-five minutes. All that we have done thus far is that we have agreed to accept your complaint and hear it.

Margaret Huard: Can the Town call witnesses?

Jared Stevens: No. People will be able to watch it and listen.

Motion by Kimberly Rice, seconded by Todd Terrien, to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled.

The motion passed 5-0 by roll call.

Non-public session entered into at 7:54PM.

The Code of Ethics Committee discussed the ethical complaint filed and the public hearing.

Motion by Todd Terrien, seconded by Kimberly Rice, to exit non-public session.  
Motion passed 5-0.

Public session opened at 8:04PM.

Kimberly Rice: The election of new officers should occur at the end of the public hearing. The Code of Ethics Committee agreed.

Motion by Todd Terrien, seconded by Kimberly Rice, to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion passed 5-0.

The Code of Ethics Committee adjourned at 8:08 PM.