

Board of Ethics

Town of Ridgefield

APPROVED

Minutes of September 8, 2021 meeting

The meeting was held in the small conference room on the Lower Level of Town Hall and was called to order at 7:02pm by the Chairman.

Present:

- Bart Van de Weghe, Chairman
- John Zembron, Secretary
- Greg McLaughlin
- Michelle Pallai (via teleconference)
- Geoff Harrington
- James Carroll (alternate)

A motion was made by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Harrington, and unanimously agreed to approve the draft minutes of the Board's meetings held on January 13, 2021; March 1, 2021; March 8, 2021; July 14, 2021, and August 17, 2021.

The topic of scheduling the Board's 2022 regular meetings was introduced by the Secretary. Following a discussion, it was agreed unanimously to hold meetings on January 12, 2022 (with January 13, 2022, held as a snow date) and September 7, 2022, at times, locations, and in a manner to be determined.

The Chairmen introduced a discussion regarding the Board's approach to requests for Advisory Opinions. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Zembron, and unanimously agreed to direct the Chairman to dialogue with the Board of Selectmen to possibly seek an opinion from Town Counsel with respect to several related procedural matters.

The Secretary reminded any Board member whose term expires on December 31, 2021, to contact the First Selectman in a timely fashion if desirous of continuing to serve on the Board.

The Chairman introduced the topic of the Board's current presence on the Town's website and whether any changes should be made to improve its ease of use. Alternate Member Carroll indicated that he would undertake a review of the website and develop his observations, thoughts, and recommendations (if any) in a presentation to be made to the full Board at its January 2022 meeting.

With no additional matters raised, the meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Zembron, Secretary

