

GREENWICH BOARD OF ETHICS

Minutes of 3rd Special Meeting held in Executive Session on June 8th, 2022

Members Present: Paul de Bary, Chair, Jennifer Paul Cohen, Secretary,
Robert Grele, Robert Sisca and Rev. Stephanie Johnson

Members Absent:

Others Present: John Craine (as indicated)

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 P.M. by the Chair, who noted that, a quorum was present and that a notice of the special meeting had been provided to all the members, posted online and posted in Town Hall in accordance with Freedom of Information Act requirements. As a special meeting in executive session, the Chair advised that only items on the agenda and items permitted to be considered in executive session would be considered.

The first order of business was consideration of a matter reported to the 1st Selectman. The 1st Selectman referred the individual to the Board of Ethics and the individual agreed to make an oral report to the Board in executive session. Copy of the individual's letter to the 1st Selectman had been distributed to the members of the Board and the Board briefly discussed the issues that might be present regarding the applicability of the code and the Board's jurisdiction.

At 5:14, Mr. John Craine joined the meeting and described his difficulties with one of the Town's Approved Mooring Vendors. He indicated that he and his family had been involved in boating in the Town and kept a boat moored in Greenwich Cove for over 40 years. He indicated that since he had stopped using the services of the Approved Mooring Vendor they had experienced circumstances where their boat had been set adrift and that he implied from comments that the vendor had made, and from reports that he had received from other senior boaters in Town, that the vendor might be responsible, but couldn't prove it. Recently, however, he had been the subject of what he considered a false report that his boat was improperly moored and had been told that the false report was made by the vendor.

Members of the Board asked for additional information about the role of Approved Mooring Vendors and Mr. Craine said that they were the only marine services companies authorized to make mooring inspections on behalf of the Town. He was not familiar with how they were selected or what agreements the Town had with them.

The Board thanked Mr. Craine for his report and indicated that it would need to learn more about the role of the Approved Mooring Vendors before it would be able to

determine if it had jurisdiction over the matter. The Chair asked Mr. Sisca if he would work with the Chair to develop the necessary information and Mr. Sisca agreed.

Following this the Chair indicated that all matters listed on the agenda had come before the Board and moved to adjourn the meeting which was approved unanimously by roll call vote at 5:11.