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GREENWICH BOARD OF ETHICS

Minutes of Regular Meeting on June 9th, 2020

Members Present: Paul de Bary, Chair and Secretary of the Meeting, Robert Grele,
Robert Sisca

Members Absent: John Margenot

Others Present: Rev. Stephanie Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by the Chair, who noted that a quorum was present and that the agenda for the meeting had been provided to all the members and posted online in accordance with Freedom of Information Act requirements as modified by Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7B regarding the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Chair also noted that, with only members of the Board and an individual being considered for membership on the Board present, Robert's Rules of Order would be suspended in the interest of efficiency, subject to being reinstated in the interest of an orderly discussion.

The Secretary of the meeting had distributed a draft of the minutes of Board's meetings on December 10th, 2019 and May 13th, 2020. After review, there were no further revisions requested to the draft minutes.

Upon motion made by Mr. Sisca and seconded by Mr. Grele, the minutes of the December 12th, 2019 and May 13th, 2020 meetings of the Board were approved in the form attached to these minutes as Exhibit A.

The Chair then welcomed Rev. Johnson to the meeting and the members discussed her interest in joining the Board and recent activities of the Board. There is a vacancy on the Board due to the resignation of Pastor Bloom. Peter Crumbine informs that Rev. Johnson's application is under review, but has been held up by the inability to conduct the normal interviews during the current pandemic emergency.

The next item on the agenda was the report of the Chair. In advance of the meeting, he had circulated to the other members a draft of the annual reminder to Town Officers regarding their ethics filings. Members of the Board provided comments and suggestions. The issues of whether the deadline for filings should be delayed and whether it might be difficult for individuals to obtain notarizations under the current circumstances was considered. The Chair advised that he had contacted the Clerk's office and that the reminder explained that the Clerk would accept filings by mail. Governor Lamont's executive orders do not seem to allow for the waiver of the notarization requirement or an extension of the deadline for filings made under local law requirements. The Board would take into account current difficulties if any complaints were filed based on a failure to notarize, but it was considered inadvisable to formally state that in the reminder letter.

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The Board then discussed the importance of renewing efforts to amend the Code to provide for an on-line filing system. The requirements of the Town Purchasing Policy regarding Advisory Opinions was also discussed. The Chair indicated that he was expecting to speak with the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Administrative Services later in the week.

Following this discussion, there was no further business before the Board and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:13 P.M.

Exhibit A

Minutes of December 10th, 2019 Meeting
Minutes of May 13th, 2020 Meeting

**[Minutes of December 10, 2019 and May 13th, 2020 meetings
have been filed in final form and are not attached to avoid
duplication]**