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GREENWICH BOARD OF ETHICS

Minutes of Special Meeting on March 20, 2023

St Paul's Church, 200 Riverside Avenue, Riverside

Members Present: Jennifer Paul Cohen, Secretary, Rev. Stephanie Johnson, Kenneth Greenberg

Members Absent: Paul de Bary, Chair, Robert Sisca

Others Present:

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 P.M. by the Acting Chair Jennifer Cohen (Rev. Stephanie Johnson served as Secretary) 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 the Freedom of Information Act requirements. There were no requests from the public to join the meeting. As a special meeting, the Acting Chair advised that only items on the agenda would be considered.

The purpose of the special meeting was a new member orientation.

Ms. Cohen, as Acting Chair, outlined the Town's Code of Ethics and discussed the role of the Board of Ethics including its responsibility to respond to complaints or violations of the Code, prepare advisory opinions and submit annual reports to the RTM and Board of Selectmen. Member responsibilities were reviewed as a reminder about regular meeting attendance and advanced preparation before each meeting. The complaint process was discussed as was the safe harbor provision.

The Town's ethics policy favors openness and transparency mindful of balancing FOIA and confidentiality for the complainant and town officers.

A question was raised whether Board of Ethics members are mandatory reporters. Ms. Cohen will follow-up.

The orientation portion of the meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M. and was followed by a recognition of long-serving Board of Ethics member, Bob Grele, which concluded at approximately 8:30 PM