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GREENWICH BOARD OF ETHICS

Minutes of Regular Meeting on June 6th, 2017

Members Present: Paul de Bary, Chair and Acting Secretary, Robert Grele, Robert Sisca

Members Absent: Rev. Ian Jeremiah, John Margenot,

Others Present: Steven Katz

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 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, posted online and posted in Town Hall in accordance with Freedom of Information Act requirements. The Chair had distributed the minutes of Board's meeting on May 25th, 2016. Since these had been approved by the Board at that meeting, there was no need for further approval.

The Board then had a wide-ranging discussion with Mr. Katz concerning the issues that he and Mrs. Burns had raised in their request for an advisory opinion on behalf of the Commission on Aging. The Chair also reported that he had had a conversation with Mrs. Burns earlier in the day concerning any other issues that might need to be addressed and the timetable for the opinion. A particular concern to her was the need for the Commission to establish an Advisory Council in connection with the AARP/World Health Organization Livable Communities initiative and whether members of the Advisory Council would be Town Officers subject to the Code of Ethics. The Chair indicated that whether persons other than those nominated by the Selectmen and appointed by the RTM were Town Officers is a question that the Board has not been asked to address before, and Mr. Greeley pointed out that the definition of Town Officer in the Code of Ethics included agents and consultants of the Town.

In the interest of assisting the Commission in the formation of the Advisory Council, Mr. Katz offered to discuss the issue with Mrs. Burns and work on the preparation of a separate request with regard to the status of council members as Town Officers. The members of the Board indicated that they would make an effort to deal with that request during the first few weeks of July and Mr. Greeley and Mr. Sisca agreed to serve as a working group for that request.

The Chair also indicated that Mrs. Burns had asked whether members of the Board could attend the Commission meeting on June 21st. Mr. Greeley agreed to accompany Mr. de Bary to the meeting.

Following this discussion, there was no further business before the Board and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:23 P.M. No votes were taken at the meeting.