

Town of Windsor  
BOARD OF ETHICS  
July 13, 2004

APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Chairman James Mason, George Griffin, James Parker

Absent: Abraham Morrison, George Morgenthaler

Staff: Peter Souza, Assistant Town Manager,

1. Call to Order

Mr. Mason called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. (meeting convened in the Ludlow Room)

2. Public Comment

Mr. Bill Generous, 30 Karen Circle, stated he was raising a concern that certain town officials, elected and appointed, may have committed unethical actions as related to the presentation of the Fiscal Year 2005 Town Budget and subsequent budget referendum. He stated he would like to file a complaint with the Board of Ethics because the stated tax increase in the proposed FY 2005 Budget was miscalculated and he feels staff and members of the Town Council failed to communicate correct information to the public. He feels this was a willful misrepresentation on the staff's part and perhaps the Town Council's as well.

3. Old Business - None.

4. New Business

A) Discussion of Public Comment Topic

The Board discussed at length whether Mr. Generous' allegation or complaint could be considered or brought before the Board of Ethics. Board members reviewed the Code of Ethics Ordinance with particular attention to Sec. 2-23. Section 2-23 reads in part that the board shall render advisory opinions concerning town officials or employees upon written request of the town manager or upon written request of any members of the town council submitted at a regular meeting of the town council.

The Board suggested to Mr. Generous that he might wish to attempt to have a Town Council member support his request and ask to have the Board of Ethics review his claim.

B) Election of Officers

Moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Mason, that Mr. Parker be elected Chairman for a one-year term to expire in July 2005.

Motion passed 3-0-0

Moved by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to elect Mr. Morrison as Secretary for a one-year term to expired in July 2005.

Motion passed 3-0-0.

5. Staff Reports - None

6. Minutes of Preceding Meeting

Moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Mason to accept the meeting minutes of April 13, 2004 as presented.

Motion Passed 3-0-0

7. Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Motion Passed 3-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Souza  
Recording Secretary