

# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Code of Ethics Committee

7:00PM September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Minutes

#### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Kimberly Rice at 7:00PM in the Buxton Conference Room at Town Hall.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge of allegiance was led by Mrs. Rice.

#### **Roll Call:**

Present: Kimberly Rice; Todd Terrien; Heather Smalley; and Shane Coughlin.

All members were present. (Jared Stevens submitted a letter of resignation prior to the meeting.)

#### **New Business:**

1. Approval of the Minutes

*Motion by Mr. Terrien, seconded by Mrs. Smalley, to approve the minutes from July 8th of 2019. The motion passed 4-0.*

2. Acceptance of a Resignation

A letter of resignation from Jared Stevens was read by Chairwoman Rice.

*Motion by Mr. Coughlin, seconded by Mr. Terrien to approve the resignation of Jared Stevens from the Code of Ethics Committee (Term set to expire March 2020). The motion passed 4-0.*

3. Ethics Complaint Review

The Code of Ethics Committee received and reviewed an ethics complaint filed by Margaret Huard on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 against Chairman David Morin of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Coughlin: This ethics complaint states no specific violations of the Town's Code of Ethics by the Chairman.

Chairwoman Rice: I agree. This presents no factual allegations. As far as Chairman Morin voting on his own motion to become Chair, that is not a violation of the Code of Ethics.

Mr. Terrien: There are no examples provided of the violations specific to his relationship with his daughter.

Mrs. Smalley: Should we offer Mrs. Huard the ability to submit another one in the future?

Chairwoman Rice: I believe that we should dismiss this complaint and allow her to submit an updated complaint, if she is interested in doing so.

***Motion by Mr. Terrien to dismiss the complaint, without prejudice against Mrs. Huard's ability to file another one, seconded by Mrs. Smalley. The motion passed 4-0.***

Mr. Coughlin: We need to discuss the vacancy on the Committee.

Mrs. Smalley: When was Mr. Stevens's term going to expire?

Chairwoman Rice: Mr. Stevens's term ends in March. We need to determine how we are going to fill this position.

Mr. Coughlin: I am willing to take the lead on determining what process we should follow. I will reach out to the Town Clerk and others.

***Motion by Mr. Coughlin, seconded by Mr. Terrien, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4-0.***

The Code of Ethics Committee adjourned at 7:08PM.