

BOARD OF ETHICS
FEBRUARY 13, 2017
MINUTES

Present: Bonnie Fillion, Kenneth McDonnell, John Whittel (arrived at 4:00 PM) and Thomas Welch

Absent: John Critchley

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM.

Welch made a motion, seconded by Fillion to enter into executive session at 3:30 PM to discuss complaint #16-03, #16-05 and #16-07. The motion was unanimously approved.

The board came out of executive session at 4:20 PM.

Fillion made a motion, seconded by Welch and unanimously approved to dismiss complaint #16-03, #16-05 & #16-07 for the following reasons.

The Board finds that the foregoing complaints were in proper form and that if the facts alleged were true there may have been a violation of the ethics code.

The Board finds that there is sufficient evidence to support a finding of probable cause that the Respondent or a member of his immediate family had a financial interest in the application brought to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Board finds that there is insufficient evidence to support a finding of probable cause that the Respondent participated in the public hearing and deliberation as an advocate on the application. The Board feels that the Respondent should have removed himself from the Commission table, however, the Board cannot find that the Respondent's actions and statements constitute participation in the application. The complaints are dismissed.

Whittel made a motion, seconded by Fillion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 4:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino
Administrative Assistant