



TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT

Board of Ethics Minutes

Regular Meeting

7:00 PM, October 13, 2026

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Phil Kent called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The meeting recording was confirmed to be in progress. Chair Kent welcomed members and stated that the Board would proceed in accordance with the published agenda.

2. ATTENDANCE

B&C Clerk Porsche Edmundson took roll call.

Members Present

Phil Kent, Chair

Lynda Rosenfeld

Ann Pari

Edward Simon

Ellen Rosenfeld

Also Present

Sue Gruen, Corporation Counsel

Robert Velez

Recording Secretary

Members Absent

Deirdre Moody

Chair Kent noted that Deirdre Moody had previously advised that she would be unable to attend the meeting.

A quorum was declared present.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Chair Kent advised that approval of the August 11, 2026 meeting minutes was not listed on the agenda and requested that the item be added for consideration.

MOTION: To add approval of the August 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes to the agenda.

Moved by: Phil Kent
Seconded by: Ann Pari

Vote: Unanimously approved.

The Board reviewed the draft August 11, 2026 minutes and discussed several corrections necessary to ensure the accuracy of the public record. Members identified spelling corrections to the name of Sue Gruen in multiple locations and correction of the spelling of Chair Kent's first name. Additional discussion occurred regarding language contained within the confidential session section. Members agreed that the minutes should reflect that the motion to enter confidential session was made by the Chair, seconded by another Board member, and approved unanimously.

Board members agreed that the proposed changes were clerical in nature and did not alter the substance of actions taken during the meeting.

MOTION: To approve the August 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes as amended.

Moved by: Phil Kent
Seconded by: Ann Pari

Discussion followed concerning attendance at the August meeting. One member indicated they were not present and would abstain from voting.

Vote: Approved with one abstention.

MOTION CARRIED.

1. Approval of minutes from the September 8th meeting.
September 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the September 8, 2026 meeting minutes.

Discussion focused on the section referencing a proposed confidential session. Members recalled that technical difficulties prevented the Board from successfully entering a confidential session during that meeting. Following review of the minutes, members agreed that the document accurately reflected both the Board's intent and the technical circumstances that ultimately prevented the session from occurring.

No revisions were proposed.

MOTION: To approve the September 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Moved by: Phil Kent

Seconded by: Lynda Rosenfeld

There being no further discussion, the Chair called the question.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chair opened the floor for public comment.

Staff confirmed that no members of the public were present either virtually or in person. As no comments were offered, the public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Kent reported that no correspondence had been received requiring Board review or action.

Attorney Sue Gruen likewise reported that she was unaware of any correspondence requiring discussion.

No further correspondence was presented.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(if recommended by the town attorney)

Chair Kent stated that confidential matters requiring discussion had been identified and requested that a confidential session be added to the agenda.

MOTION: To add a confidential session to the agenda.

Moved by: Phil Kent

Seconded by: Ann Pari

The Board briefly discussed the necessity of addressing matters appropriate for confidential consideration under applicable state statute.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

MOTION CARRIED.

Entry into Confidential Session

MOTION: To enter a Confidential Session pursuant to applicable state statute.

Moved by: Phil Kent

Seconded by: Lynda Rosenfeld

There being no further discussion, the Chair called for a vote.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Board entered Confidential Session at approximately 7:36 p.m. The recording was suspended and only authorized participants remained present.

Return to Open Session

The Board returned to open session at approximately 7:38 p.m.

Chair Kent reported that discussion during the Confidential Session was limited to matters properly exempt from public disclosure. No votes were taken during the Confidential Session.

MOTION: To exit the Confidential Session and return to regular session.

Moved by: Phil Kent

Seconded by: Ann Pari

Vote: Unanimously approved.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. REPORTS

Chair Kent requested reports from members and staff.

The Chair indicated that he had no report to present. Board members were allowed to provide updates, announcements, or committee reports. No reports were submitted.

No action was taken under this agenda item.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Kent requested discussion of any unfinished business.

No old business was presented for consideration.

The Board proceeded to the next agenda item.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Kent requested a discussion of any new business.

No new business was introduced by Board members or staff.

No action was required.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With all agenda items concluded, Chair Kent requested a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Ellen Rosenfeld

Seconded by: Lynda Rosenfeld

There being no further discussion, the Chair called for a vote.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

B&C Clerk, Porsche Edmudnson
10/19/2026

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