

Weston Board of Ethics (BOE)

Minutes from June 18, 2014 @ 6.30pm
Commission Room, Town Hall

Public meeting

Attendance: all BOE members - John Albright (JA); Rob Lamb (RL); Kate Moore (KM); Rob Nordlinger (RN); Paula Savignol

Others present: None

- RL to serve as secretary for this meeting. He suggests BOE elect new secretary (or rotate task at each meeting) and elect new Chair at next meeting
- Introduction of new members: KM and RN
- Review with KM and RN of basic procedures and most recent work. RL to give KM and RN packet of recent meeting minutes, advisory opinion, etc.
- KM pointed out Code of Ethics 64-5 F.(1): "The Board shall design and promulgate its own rules and regulations..." Suggested we think through what may be needed and begin work re this at next meeting
- JA discussed how Boards of Ethics in Towns of Greenwich and Wilton operate. Said they are more transparent and, in addition to addressing conflicts, etc., a serve an important advisory function. JA will get information from these Town Boards and share with BOE as possible templates for BOE
- PS stated that, perhaps because of past immediate BOE investigation/advisory opinion, some in Town may be reluctant to seek BOE review/advice for fear of, among other things, how proceedings may play out in the media, search engines, etc. Goal is for Town and its residents to view BOE as helpful resource and not with apprehension.
- Suggest next meeting for end of July. RL to circulate suggested dates

Adjournment: 7.28pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Lamb