

Ethics Commission

Town of Fairfield

Minutes-Meeting of October 1, 2009

A meeting of the Ethics Commission of the Town of Fairfield was held on Thursday, October 1, 2009 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of Independence Hall.

Members present: James Finnerty, III, Chairman, Kevin Flynn, Dr. George Lacovara and Richard Miller. Members absent: Mark Reed, Vice Chairman. In attendance was Mr. Sands L. Cleary, Town of Fairfield Director of Health. Meeting called to order by Chairman Finnerty at 4:34 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Finnerty noted that there was a quorum of members and asked for the approval of minutes of last meeting held June 30, 2009. Dr. Lacovara made the motion and motion seconded by Mr. Flynn. Carried unanimously.

A letter from Mr. Sands L. Cleary requesting an opinion from the Ethics Commission was discussed. A member of the Board of Health has inquired about the possibility of being hired by the Department of Health as a substitute nurse. Mr. Cleary was seeking an advisory opinion from the Commission as to whether the Commission views this as a potential conflict of interest or if it appears that the hiring of a Board of Health member violates the Standards of Conduct in the Fairfield Town Charter. Discussion followed. Chairman Finnerty noted that if any issues that may be brought to the Board of Health that involve the position of said individual, then he or she should recuse themselves from voting on an the issue and refrain from discussion.

Motion made by Dr. Lacovara: *That the Ethics Commission finds no potential conflict of interest and no violation of the Standards of Conduct to have a member of the Board of Health serve as a substitute nurse in the Town of Fairfield.*

Motion seconded by Mr. Flynn. Carried unanimously. Mr. Finnerty noted that he would issue an advisory letter to Mr. Cleary

Motion to adjourn by Dr. Lacovara, seconded by Mr. Flynn.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Miller
Secretary

