

Board of Ethics

6/28/21

Attending: Kyle Nelson, Alinor Sterling, William Donaruma, Joseph Corradino, Peter Stolzman

Guest: Daniel Hally

Called to order 7 p.m.

Agenda: At the request of the Republican Registrar of Voters to review and provide an opinion on whether or not a currently elected member of the Branford Representative Town Meeting (RTM) can serve without conflict of the Branford Code of Ethics as a Deputy Registrar.

Dan Hally (Democrat Registrar of Voters) provided background. The Secretary of State's office was contacted and they reported there was nothing illegal with a member of the RTM serving as Deputy Registrar. In the event of a conflict of interests, the individual could either recuse themselves or resign from the RTM.

Joe Corradino pointed out a potential conflict of interest if the RTM was to vote on the Registrar's budget or employment conditions.

Peter Stolzman asked what would happen if the person did not recuse themselves.

Kyle Nelson pointed out a complaint would have to be filed to the Board of Ethics.

Joe Corradino moved to render an advisory opinion that there is no conflict with the caveat that the RTM member should not vote on any act that affects the Registrar's budget or the compensation for employees.

Alison Sterling seconded.

The vote was 5 in favor 0 opposed.

Joseph Corradino moved that the chairman appoint someone to draft an advisory opinion. Joseph Corradino was appointed to draft the opinion and it was decided that the Board would meet again for a final vote.

Kyle Nelson seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36

Peter Stolzman, secretary