

**Ethics Committee**  
**Thursday, January 20, 2022**  
**Hybrid Meeting**  
**Minutes**

Members Present: John DeWolf (Chair), James Raynor, Jamie Lang-Rodean, Winthrop Smith

Council Members in attendance: Toni Moran & Brian Coleman

Staff Present: Holly Schaefer, Kelsey Haddad

Mr. DeWolf called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Winthrop Smith moved to approve the minutes from the January 2022 meeting. Jamie Lang-Rodean seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

III. AGENDA ITEMS

- Conflict of Interest - Opinion Sought

Councilman Coleman requested that the Ethics Board review the topic of a Conflict of Interest In relation to Council Members sitting on the Boards that they approve the budgets for. Moran voiced opinion that this does not fall under Conflict of Interest because the Code of Ethics is written so that individuals are prohibited from benefiting financially. The Board reviewed a letter from Kevin Deneen (Town Attorney) stating that, in his opinion, Councilman Coleman sitting on the Mansfield Downtown Partnership board does not constitute a conflict of interest. Coleman disagreed, voiced concerns on voting on budget when passionate on the subject. Moran explained that a Council Member may recuse themselves when they see fit. Coleman stated that he has been recusing himself when he sees need. Coleman questioned frequency of review of the Code of Ethics. Smith and DeWolf agreed that the Code has been successful throughout recent years, and there has not been need to review. Coleman asked about gift receiving policies; Moran and Lang-Rodean explained limitations. Coleman then asked if all Town employees receive annual Ethics training. Moran confirmed.

Lang-Rodean motioned to endorse Deneen's letter. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Moran leaves the meeting. Coleman leaves the meeting.

- Lang-Rodean volunteered to renew her term as an alternate on the Board. DeWolf will contact Nesselroth to inquire his interest in renewing his term.

ADJOURNEMENT

Jamie Lang- Rodean moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:38pm. Winthrop Smith seconded. All in favor motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelsey Haddad, Human Resources Specialist