

Middlesex Governing Body Meeting Minutes  
Reconvened December 17, 2014

At 9:00 a.m. on December 17, 2014, Mayor Lewis reconvened the recessed meeting from Monday, December 8, 2014. The Board reconvened to review, discuss, and adopt of formal Code of Ethics. Members present were Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Danny Alford, and J.W. McClenny. Commissioners Cherry Davis and Ann Lewis were absent. No guests attended.

Mayor Lewis asked if anyone had comments or input regarding the sample Model Code of Ethics presented, which was written by A. Fleming Bell, II, retired professor from the UNC School of Government. Mayor Lewis added that the sample meets the criteria defined by North Carolina law in N.C.G.S.160A-86, specifically the five areas that must be addressed by a formal code of ethics.

Commissioner Meacombs noted there was no need to reinvent the wheel. Commissioner Alford added that we did not need to make it more complicated that it needs to be. Meacombs agreed stating that if changes were made to the model, it may be something that shouldn't be changed.

There was a brief discussion regarding the optional section on censure of board members. Mayor Lewis read aloud an excerpt from this section so everyone was aware of its purpose and the guidance it provides. Everyone agreed the optional section should remain as part of the Code of Ethics. The section outlines the proper procedure in the event that the Board ever has a situation arise with a member they feel is in violation of the town's ethics code.

Mayor Lewis added that if everyone was in agreement to adopt the model code of ethics presented that the "Town of Middlesex" will be inserted in all the proper places within the document.

Commissioner Alford moved to adopt the Model Code of Ethics as written by A. Fleming Bell, II. Commissioner McClenny seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Being no further business, Commissioner Meacombs moved to adjourn the meeting.



Jennifer Lambert, Clerk

Mayor Luther H. Lewis, Jr.  
Commissioners  
Harold Meacombs  
Danny Alford  
J.W. McClenny