

**TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON
STANDING ETHICS COMMITTEE**

June 7, 2019

WRITTEN FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATION AND DECISION

On the evening of June 6, 2019, the Standing Ethics Committee was convened for the purpose of formal proceedings pursuant to North Hampton's Code of Ethics Section 7.06(G). The meeting was called to order and the charges were read against the Respondent/Selectwoman, Kathleen Kilgore. The statement of formal charges was as follows:

Did the public statements by Selectperson Kilgore alleging that Selectperson Maggiore's lack of interest to nominate her to be Chair of that Board was based on sexism violated the Code of Ethics, Section 4.02's requirement that Town officials conducting Town business treat others fairly, equally and with respect?

The Chair called upon the Complainant, Selectperson Jim Maggiore, to present the complaint. The Chair then called upon the Respondent, Selectperson Kathleen Kilgore, to explain her case. The Committee then questioned both Complainant and Respondent as they deemed necessary.

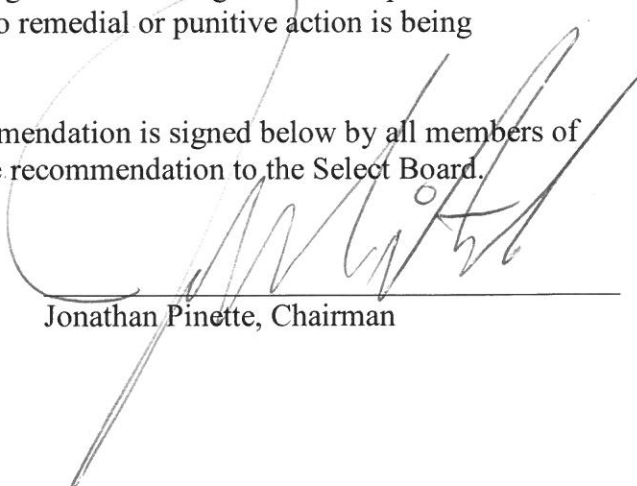
After the Committee had received all relevant testimony and evidence, it began deliberations in accord with Section 7.06(H). The Committee deliberated in open session. Upon completion of deliberation, the following motion was duly made and seconded:

That the evidence presented to this Committee supports the finding that there was no basis for Selectperson Kilgore's allegations of sexism. However, the evidence does not support a finding that there was a violation of Section 4.02 of the Code of Ethics.

Following further discussion of the motion, the Chair called for a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously. The rationale for the Committee's decision is set forth in the minutes and video record of the Committee. In light of the finding that the Respondent's conduct was outside the ambit of Section 4.02, no remedial or punitive action is being recommended by the Committee.

In accord with Section 7.06(I), the recommendation is signed below by all members of the Committee; all of whom voted in favor of the recommendation to the Select Board.

Dated: 6/10/2019



Jonathan Pinette, Chairman

Dated: 6/10/2019

Susan Leonardi
Susan Leonardi, Vice Chairman

Dated: 11 June 2019

Timothy Harned
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Dated: 7/11/19
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