

Advisory #1994-6

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October 22, 1994

Mr. Eric Wormser
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Dear Mr. Wormser,

The Board has considered your request of October 5th for an advisory opinion. You are presently a member of the Urban Redevelopment Commission(URC). In that position you have certain responsibilities and oversight with respect to the development of certain areas within the City of Stamford. You have represented that you are an engineer whom though semi-retired, you do certain consulting work. You have represented to the Board that do your expertise with respect to certain technology, you have been asked to advise the Department of Public Works with respect to a certain study that is to be undertaken the Northeast Utilities or its affiliate. It is our understanding that you may also be working closely with representatives of developers or owners of property within the URC's jurisdiction. You have represented that throughout this project your fiduciary responsibility will be to the City of Stamford. You have also represented that you will be performing this work on a pro-bono basis. You have advised us that as the owner of at least one patent, it is conceivable that the utility or a developer may seek a license to utilize the patented technology. You have represented that you will honor such requests with a license on a no fee basis. The Board understands that you may be asked to attend meetings outside of the City. The expenses may be paid for by the utility or other persons. It is the Board's opinion that given the circumstances the reimbursement of reasonable expenses would not be a violation of the Code of Ethics. The Board has also considered Section 6, 12 and 13 of the Ordinance. Given the facts as you have represented them the Board is of the opinion that the proposed transaction would not constitute a violation of the Code of Ethics.

Provided there is no change in the facts as presented to the Board, reliance upon this opinion shall constitute, until revoked or amended, an absolute defense in any action or proceeding brought against you under the Code of Ethics as it relates to this matter only. The Board appreciates your taking the time and effort in seeking this advisory opinion.

Sincerely,

John A. Marsalisi
Secretary

cc: L. Pont-Briant, Town Clerk

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