

**DISCLOSURE OF APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 23(b)(3)**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION	
Name of public employee:	Claire B. Wright
Title or Position:	Chairman of the Board of Selectmen
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	<p>In my capacity as a state, county or municipal employee, I am expected to take certain actions in the performance of my official duties. Under the circumstances, a reasonable person could conclude that a person or organization could unduly enjoy my favor or improperly influence me when I perform my official duties, or that I am likely to act or fail to act as a result of kinship, rank, position or undue influence of a party or person.</p> <p>I am filing this disclosure to disclose the facts about this relationship or affiliation and to dispel the appearance of a conflict of interest.</p>
APPEARANCE OF FAVORITISM OR INFLUENCE	
Describe the issue that is coming before you for action or decision.	The Board of Selectmen is to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to the Town Clerk on the issuance of a kennel license to the Greyhound Friends organization.
What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision?	As Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, I will preside over the public hearing and the board's deliberations. As a member of the board, I will participate in the proceedings and vote on the recommendation.
Explain your relationship or affiliation to the person or organization.	I have no relationship or affiliation with the Greyhounds Friends organization.
How do your official actions or decision matter to the person or organization?	As Chairman, I am responsible for presiding over a fair and open public hearing process. As a member of the board, I have one of the five votes on the issue.

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Optional: Additional facts – e.g., why there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence.	*See statement below.
If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.	<p>WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taking into account the facts that I have disclosed above, I feel that I can perform my official duties objectively and fairly.</p>
Employee signature:	<i>Cherie B. Wright</i>
Date:	Aug. 7, 2018

Attach additional pages if necessary.

Not elected to your public position – file with your appointing authority.

Elected state or county employees – file with the State Ethics Commission.

Members of the General Court – file with the House or Senate clerk or the State Ethics Commission.

Elected municipal employee – file with the City Clerk or Town Clerk.

Elected regional school committee member – file with the clerk or secretary of the committee.

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*Around 1982, I became a member/volunteer with an unaffiliated local animal rescue group, The Hopkinton Humane Society, and assisted the group in establishing an animal shelter facility in 1987. The organization later changed its name to Baypath Humane Society. From approximately 1989-1993, I was employed there part-time as an assistant shelter manager. I continued as a volunteer until 1995. I then ceased my affiliation with that organization. Since that time (over 20 years) I have not had, nor do I intend to have while I serve on the Board of Selectmen, any affiliation with the Baypath Humane Society, either as an employee, a volunteer, or a member, and have no financial interest in this or any other animal rescue organization. As such, there is no risk of favoritism or improper influence in the matter before the board.