

Town of Red Hook Ethics Board Minutes

Thursday, March 20, 2008

Attendance: Fred Cartier, Susan Goldstein, Claire Horst, and Linda Keeling

Absent: Gail Nussbaum (out-of-the-country)

Guest: Christine Chale, Attorney for the Town

Location: Town Hall, Conference Room

Call to Order: Fred Cartier called the meeting to order at 8:06 am.

Purpose: To continue Ethics Code 2-21-08 revisions

Minutes: The March 14th minutes were reviewed with the spelling error of Claire's last name corrected. Christine Chale noted an attorney-client consultation occurred under "Discussion" and pointed out the minor salutation typing error. Claire motioned to accept the minutes with the corrections and Susan seconded, all agreed.

Correspondence: No correspondence received to date.

Discussion: Fred mentioned that the Ethics Board minutes are not on the website as are other boards and committees. Linda explained that Claire has received the official paper copy for the town files. Linda will email the former digital documents, starting with 2008, to Sue McCann so they can be posted on the town's website now and in the future.

Revisions: The Ethics Code revisions of 2-21-08 were continued starting from Article II, 13-4. **Standards of conduct**, formerly D now E: Representation. Christine Chale and the board discussed each item up to 13-7. Discussions focused on the descriptions and examples of possible real life situations. A main point was that if there is a need to disclose then that person should recuse from voting. Christine Chale will be fine tuning the language for clarity and agreement between sections. She will also try to express alternative language when sections reference Article 18 which is difficult to understand.

Next Meeting: *Friday, March 28th*, 8 a.m., town hall. It was mentioned that the April 18th regularly scheduled meeting is still on if needed.

Meeting Ended: Claire Horst motioned to end the meeting, Susan Goldstein seconded and all agreed. The meeting ended at 9:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling,
Ethics Board Secretary
March 20, 2008