

Town of Red Hook

Ethics Board Minutes

Friday, October 17, 2008

Attendance: Fred Cartier, Claire Horst, Linda Keeling, Gail Nussbaum, and Susan Goldstein (8:06)

Absent: none

Guest: Christine Chale, Attorney for the Town

Location: Town Hall, Main room

Call to Order: Chairman Fred Cartier called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.

Purpose: To continue the discussions of the Ethics Code revisions

Minutes: Claire Horst motioned to accept the minutes of 5-16-08. Fred Cartier seconded and all agreed.

Correspondence: None

Discussion: Christine Chale had previously emailed the members with the newest revision of the Ethics Code including a draft for operating rules and procedures and a attorney-client memo from her to the town board advising them of our progress thus far.

Christine Chale explained the various parts and some additional discussion focused on other parts:

- A. p. 5 J change “to the applicable board”
- B. Family member includes member of the household
- C. p. 8: 13-8. B change to “staggered” 5 year term
- D. p. 9: 13-9. C election’s inspector position would not be affected.
- E. p.10: 13-10. C (1) advise employees
- F. p.10: 13-10 D (2) third party complaint; insert “Ethics” before Board
- G. p.10: 13-10 E (3) decide on own
- H. The procedure is confidential
- I. Disposition: founded, unfounded or remedied

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J. Complaint is FOILable

K. Unfounded finding is also FOILable

L. Ethics Board has subpoena power

M. All agreed the Town Clerk Sue McCann or Assistant Town Clerk Claire Horst are authorized to receive and open the Ethics Board mail.

It was noted that the Town Board will need time to review the changes to the previous law and then a public hearing will need to be scheduled. Members offered to be present and give an abbreviated update of the changes contained within the new law.

Gail Nussbaum needed to leave at 9:05 am for work.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is Friday, November 21, 2008, 8 a.m., town hall.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling,
Ethics Board Secretary
November 3, 2008
Approved 11-21-08