

# Town of Red Hook

## Ethics Board Minutes

Friday, November 21, 2008

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

**Absent:** Gail Nussbaum (called in ill)

**Guest:** Christine Chale, Attorney for the Town

**Location:** Town Hall, Main room

**Call to Order:** Chairman Fred Cartier called the meeting to order at 8:14 am.

**Purpose:** To consider the final corrections to the Ethics Code revisions.

**Minutes:** Susan Goldstein motioned to accept the minutes of 10-17-08, Claire Horst seconded and all agreed.

**Correspondence:** Linda Keeling had requested a determination from the Ethics Board regarding her doing a grant application for the town's Tree Commission as to any conflict with the present Ethic's Code and other lawful oversights.

### **Discussion:**

#### 1. *Correspondence:*

Christine Chale referred to Article 18, section 801 and read the applicable section and determined that there is no conflict with Linda being an Ethics Board member and engaging in a contract with the town's Tree Commission. Linda has been forthright in disclosing her interests in the Commission's minutes and bringing it forth to the Ethics Board.

#### 2. *Minor Corrections to the Ethics Code:*

Christine Chale had received comments back from Supervisor Crane's review of the draft. She had two comments: 1. The Chair is to be appointed by the Town Board annually as with the other Boards and 2. A more streamlined procedure for approval of reimbursement for reasonable expenses of the Ethics Board.

The modifications are as follows:

a. p. 9 E Compensation to read: Members shall serve without compensation and will be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses *incurred in the performance of their duties within the appropriations made available therefor.*

b. p. 9 F Board Chair to read: The *Town Board shall annually designate the Chair of the Board of Ethics.* The Chair or a majority of the Board may call a meeting of the Board.

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Fred Cartier motioned to accept the revisions and Claire Horst seconded, all agreed.

Christine Chale noted that all the Town Board members will need time to review the whole draft revisions then a public hearing will be held and the Town Board will vote in it. She also would like training to occur for the Planning and Zoning Boards with separate training for the staff. She would like the Ethics board members to help with the training.

Susan Goldstein motioned to accept the Ethics Code as revised with the Ethics Board directly participating in the training of the Boards and staff. Claire Horst seconded and all agreed.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting is Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m., town hall.

**Meeting Ended:** Fred Cartier motioned to end the meeting, Claire Horst seconded and all agreed. The meeting ended at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling,  
Ethics Board Secretary  
November 24, 2008

Approved as amended 12-19-08