

# Town of Red Hook

## Ethics Board Minutes

Friday, December 19, 2008

**Attendance:** Claire Horst, Gail Nussbaum, Linda Keeling and Susan Goldstein

**Absent:** Fred Cartier

**Guest:** none

**Location:** Town Hall, Main room

**Call to Order:** Acting Chairman Susan Goldstein called the meeting to order at 8:25 am.

**Purpose:** To discuss topical areas to be presented at the public hearing on Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> regarding the final Ethics Code revisions.

**Minutes:** Christine Chale, attorney to the town, indicated in an email dated 11-24-08 that she felt page 1, Correspondence, item 1, should read: “the Board determined”. Her role is “to provide the Board with the framework for analysis under the applicable provisions.”

Claire Horst motion to accept the minutes from Nov. 21 as amended with the insertion of “the Board determined”, Gail Nussbaum seconded and all agreed.

**Correspondence:** none

**Discussion:** Acting Chairman Susan Goldstein outlined some of the points to be made in a presentation to the Town Board and public.

- The Ethics revisions are more user friendly, in line with State Laws as they exist
- Met 12 times to tighten up the language so in line with State regulations
- Defined “significant other” and “recusal”, added definitions and relocated them
- Gift issue set at \$75
- Fine up to \$1,000
- How to file with the Ethics Board
- Created a form to be signed and notarized
- Defined a precise procedure for handling complaints and opinion determinations

Susan will not be able to be there at 7:30 pm as she will be in another meeting in Poughkeepsie. She asked Claire Horst to see if we can be on the agenda later that night.

Previously, Gail Nussbaum noted she can not make the meeting that day as she has another commitment. The other members will try to be there for the presentation and to answer questions from the public.

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**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, public hearing, town hall.

**Meeting Ended:** Susan Goldstein motioned to end the meeting, Claire Horst seconded and all agreed. The meeting ended at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Keeling,  
Ethics Board Secretary  
December 22, 2008  
Approved 1-16-09